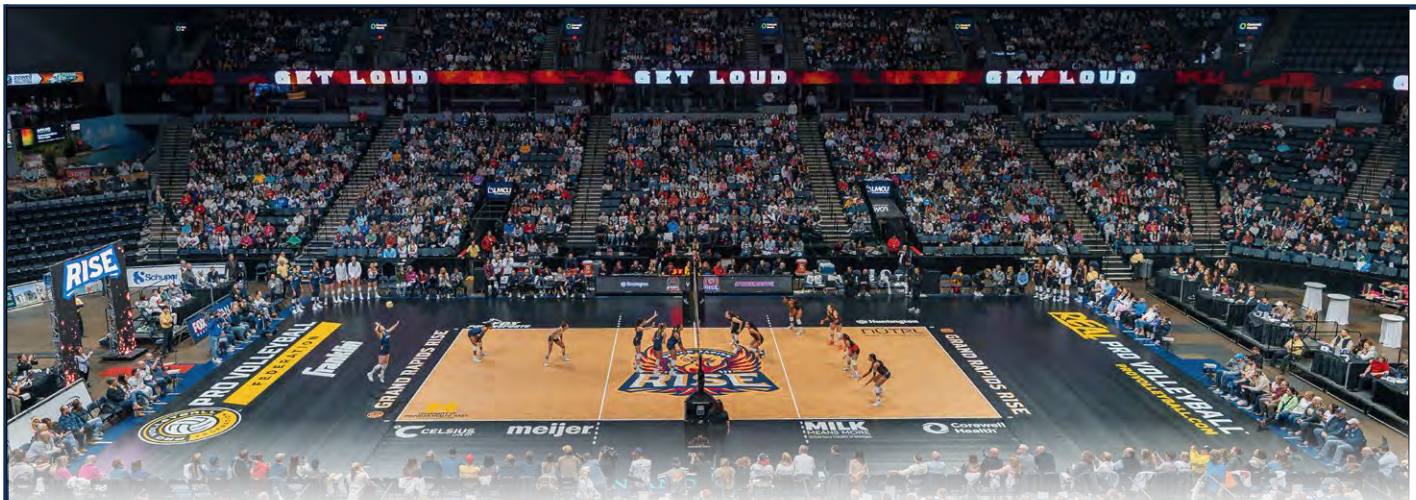
2025

MEDIA GUIDE

GRAND RAPIDS RISE



The first serve in the Rise's inaugural match against the Columbus Fury inside Van Andel Arena on Jan. 25, 2024.

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TEAM DIRECTORY

GRAND RAPIDS RISE

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Grand Rapids, MI 49503

GRRise.com
(616) 575-6500

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Chief Executive Officer ..... Dan DeVos
Chief Strategy Officer ..... Diane Maher
Chief Operating Officer ..... Scott Gorsline
Senior Vice President of Business Operations ..... Tim Gortsema
Director of Strategic Investments ..... Cole DeVos
Vice President of Community Relations and Broadcasting ..... Bob Kaser
Vice President of Corporate Sales ..... Sean Wright
Vice President of Ticket Sales and Digital Marketing ..... Matt Batchelder
Vice President of Finance ..... Lisa Vedder
Vice President of Communications ..... Randy Cleves

VOLLEYBALL OPERATIONS

Head Coach and Vice President of Volleyball Operations ..... Cathy George
Associate Head Coach ..... Mike Gawlik
Assistant Head Coach ..... Jason Oliver
Assistant Coach ..... Katie Gawlik
Director of Volleyball Operations and Assistant Coach ..... Matt Jennings
Head Athletic Trainer ..... Dave Getsoff
Assistant Athletic Trainer ..... Zoie Appleberry
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach ..... Mitch Nienhuis
Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach ..... Sean Judd
Volleyball Intern ..... Bella Hommes

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Public & Community Relations Coordinator ..... Alex Eisen
Public Relations Interns ..... Allison Pline, Alena Visnovsky
Graphic Designer ..... Jessica Albert-Huynh

DIGITAL MEDIA & GAME PRESENTATION

Senior Director of Creative ..... Brandon Nelson
Digital Media Production Manager ..... Kris Barclay
Digital Media Manager ..... Nicolas Carrillo
Digital Media Coordinator ..... Macy Mineni
Game Presentation & Events Coordinator ..... Lizzie Raider
Digital Media Interns ..... Ariana Costie, Ella Gagliardi, Ashlryn Mendelsohn

TEAM DIRECTORY

CORPORATE SALES

Senior Corporate Sales Account Manager ..... Steve Ritsema
Corporate Sales Account Manager ..... Anthony Caradonna
Corporate Partnership Fulfillment Coordinator ..... Camden Whitney
Corporate Sales Interns ..... Zoe Hall, Gareth Romine, Kendyl Ashley

TICKET SALES

Director of Group Sales ..... Bre'onna Raymo
Group Events Account Representative ..... Ellie Dykstra
Business Development Executive ..... Steven Laws
Membership Services Account Executive ..... Amanda Johns
Membership Services Account Representative ..... Kyle Gustafson
Membership Services Account Representative ..... Austin Meicher
Membership Experience Specialist ..... Kristen Gruebnau
Inside Sales & Service Interns ..... Morgan Gillies, Madeline Ludwig

TICKET OPERATIONS

Ticket Operations Manager ..... Caleb Marsh
Ticket Operations Coordinator ..... Andrew Slocum
Ticket Operations & Data Analytics Specialist ..... Evan Brechting

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Accountant ..... Beth Decker
Accounting Assistant ..... Lydia Gates

MINISTRY

Team Chaplains ..... Valerie Kemper, Linsey Smith

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location ..... Grand Rapids, Michigan
Colors ..... Elevation Red, Ascension Blue, Sunrise Gold
Mascot ..... Ember (Phoenix)
Website ..... GRRise.com

ARENA INFORMATION

Name ..... Van Andel Arena (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Capacity (Volleyball) 7,805
Opened ..... Oct. 8, 1996
Practice Facility ..... MSA Fieldhouse (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

FRANCHISE HISTORY

First Season 2024
All-Time Record ..... 13-13 (.500)
Home Record ..... 7-5 (.583)
Away Record ..... 5-7 (.417)

2025 ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL

#	NAME	POS	HT	EXP	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
27	Symone Abbott	OH	6-1	8	Northville, Mich.	Northwestern
10	Ali Bastianelli	MB	6-3	6	Marysville, Mich.	Illinois
13	Paige Briggs-Romine	OH	5-10	2	Ortonville, Mich.	Western Kentucky
7	Raven Colvin	MB	6-1	1 (R)	Indianapolis, Ind.	Purdue
8	Marin Grote	MB	6-4	3	Burbank, Calif.	Washington
17	Alyssa Jensen	MB	6-4	2	Holland, Mich.	Michigan State
3	Valeria León	L	5-6	8	Ponce, Puerto Rico	Ohio State
6	Kaleigh Nelson	OPP	6-0	3	Salem, Ore.	Washington
2	Elena Oglivie	L	5-10	1 (R)	Honolulu, Hawaii	Stanford
19	Jena Otec	L	5-10	1 (R)	Crystal City, Mo.	Purdue
5	Erika Pritchard	OH	6-3	4	Middletown, Md.	Penn State/Maryland
11	August Raskie	S	6-0	6	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Oregon
21	Naya Shime	OPP	6-0	1 (R)	Casper, Wyo.	Southern Methodist/Wyoming
4	Carli Snyder	OH	6-1	7	Macomb, Mich.	Florida
22	Camryn Turner	S	5-8	1 (R)	Topeka, Kan.	Kansas

NUMERICAL

#	NAME	POS	HT	EXP	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
2	Elena Oglivie	L	5-10	1 (R)	Honolulu, Hawaii	Stanford
3	Valeria León	L	5-6	8	Ponce, Puerto Rico	Ohio State
4	Carli Snyder	OH	6-1	7	Macomb, Mich.	Florida
5	Erika Pritchard	OH	6-3	4	Middletown, Md.	Penn State/Maryland
6	Kaleigh Nelson	OPP	6-0	3	Salem, Ore.	Washington
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COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach & VP of VB Operations: Cathy George
Associate Head Coach: Mike Gawlik
Assistant Head Coach: Jason Oliver
Assistant Coach: Katie Gawlik
Director of VB Operations & Asst. Coach: Matt Jennings
Head Athletic Trainer: Dave Getsoff
Assistant Athletic Trainer: Zoie Appleberry
Head Strength Coach: Mitch Nienhuis
Assistant Strength Coach: Sean Judd
Volleyball Intern: Bella Hommes

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Symone Abbott ..... AB-iht
Ali Bastianelli ..... BAS-tee-uh-nell-ee
Marin Grote ..... MAIR-ihn GROHT
Valeria León ..... Vuh-lair-ee-uh Lee-ON
Elena Oglivie ..... uh-LEN-uh OAG-livee
Jena Otec ..... OH-tech
Erika Pritchard ..... PRIHT-churd
August Raskie ..... RAH-skee
Naya Shime ..... NY-uh sha-MAY
Mike & Katie Gawlik ..... Gaw-lick
Zoie Appleberry ..... Zoey
Mitch Nienhuis ..... NEEN-house

2025 SCHEDULE

JANUARY

Fri.	10	@ Vegas Thrill	10 p.m.
Sun.	**12**	**OMAHA SUPERNOVAS**	**6 p.m.**
Thu.	16	@ Indy Ignite	7 p.m.
Sun.	19	@ Atlanta Vibe	6 p.m.
Sun.	26	@ Columbus Fury	2 p.m.
Thu.	**30**	**ORLANDO VALKYRIES**	**7 p.m.**

FEBRUARY

Sun.	**2**	**SAN DIEGO MOJO**	**4 p.m.**
Fri.	7	@ Columbus Fury	7 p.m.
Thu.	**13**	**ATLANTA VIBE**	**7 p.m.**
Sat.	15	@ Orlando Valkyries	7 p.m.
Thu.	**20**	**COLUMBUS FURY**	**7 p.m.**
Thu.	27	@ San Diego Mojo	10:05 p.m.

MARCH

Sun.	2	@ Vegas Thrill	6 p.m.
Wed.	**5**	**SAN DIEGO MOJO**	**7 p.m.**
Sun.	9	@ San Diego Mojo	7:05 p.m.
Thu.	**13**	**ATLANTA VIBE**	**7 p.m.**
Sat.	**15**	**INDY IGNITE**	**Noon**
Thu.	**20**	**VEGAS THRILL**	**7 p.m.**
Fri.	**28**	**COLUMBUS FURY**	**7 p.m.**
Sun.	30	@ Omaha Supernovas	4 p.m.

APRIL

Sat.	**5**	**VEGAS THRILL**	**7 p.m.**
Thu.	10	@ Orlando Valkyries	7 p.m.
Sat.	12	@ Indy Ignite	7 p.m.
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MAY

Fri.	**2**	**OMAHA SUPERNOVAS**	**7 p.m.**

All Match Times Eastern
Dates, Opponents, And Times Subject To Change

Home Broadcast Information
Radio: All Home Matches On 96.1 The Game
WXSP-TV: Jan. 30, Feb. 20, Mar. 20

National Broadcasts
PVF YouTube Channel
FS1: Jan. 12, Jan. 19
FS2: Apr. 26, May 2
CBS Sports Network: Feb. 7, Mar. 2, Apr. 5
ROKU: Mar. 5, Mar. 28, Apr. 10, Apr. 30

TICKET INFORMATION

Single tickets for all 2025 Grand Rapids Rise home matches may be purchased:

- **Online** through provolleyball.com/grand-rapids-rise-tickets
- **In person** at The Zone at Van Andel Arena (open 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday)
- **By phone** at (616) 575-6500

Advance single-game ticket prices are $16, $18, $19 and $21 in the arena's upper level, and $20, $24, $29 and $35 in the lower level. (Additional $3 per ticket on day of game.) Full-season, half-season, and group tickets may be purchased by calling the Rise at (616) 575-6500.

The Rise offer a wide range of single-match suites and premium seat hospitality rentals that cater to all your needs. Whether you're planning a business function or a special gathering, we have the ideal option just for you. More information available at provolleyball.com/premium.

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION

Pro Volleyball Federation is the leading professional volleyball league in the United States. PVF sets the standard for the sport, offering the largest number of franchises, unmatched attendance, extensive broadcast coverage and substantial championship prize money. It combines top-tier talent, including NCAA stars and international athletes, with cutting-edge production and technology to provide fans with an unmatched viewing experience. As a vital link between collegiate volleyball and the professional stage, PVF is dedicated to shaping the future of the sport and increasing visibility for its athletes. For more information, visit ProVolleyball.com.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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Vice President, Production & Community Outreach	Kimberly Kershaw
Vice President, Volleyball Operations	Cecile Reynaud
Vice President, Player Personnel	Logan Tom
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Director, League Ticket Operations	J. Kevin Luck
Director, Content Strategy	Kami Mattioli
Director of Officials	Devonie McLarty
Director, Digital Production	Mike Moline
Volleyball Operations Consultant	Laurie Corbelli
Administrative & Event Services Manager	Liz O'Dorisio

PVF OPPONENTS

Omaha Supernovas
222 S. 15th St., #1200S, Omaha, NE 68102
supernovas.com • (402) 502-5268

Head Coach ..... Laura "Bird" Kuhn
Record With Team ..... 17-7 (.708)
Career Record (inc. College) ..... 93-67 (.581)
2024 Regular Season Record 16-8 (2nd)
2024 Playoff Record ..... 2-0 (Won Championship)
Home Arena ..... CHI Health Center
Series Record ..... Omaha leads 4-1
Owner ..... Danny White, Chris Ericksen
President ..... Diane Mendenhall
Communications ..... Geoff Exstrom

Atlanta Vibe
6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy., Duluth, GA 30097
atlantavibe.com • (770) 800-8423

Head Coach ..... Kayla Banwarth
Record With Team ..... 0-0 (First Season)
Career Record (inc. College) ..... 29-38 (.433)
2024 Regular Season Record 19-5 (1st)
2024 Playoff Record ..... 0-1 (Lost in SFs)
Home Arena ..... Gas South Arena
Series Record ..... Grand Rapids leads 3-2
Owner ..... Colleen Craig
President ..... Theresa Wenzel
Communications ..... Anna Porter

San Diego Mojo
401 W. A St. Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101
sandiegomojovb.com • (619) 984-6656

Head Coach ..... Tayyiba Haneef-Park
Record With Team ..... 13-12 (.520)
Career Record ..... 13-12 (.520)
2024 Regular Season Record 13-11 (3rd)
2024 Playoff Record ..... 0-1 (Lost in SFs)
Home Arena ..... Viejas Arena
Series Record ..... San Diego leads 3-1
President ..... Billy Johnson
Communications ..... Ryan Tewes

PVF OPPONENTS

Columbus Fury
5038 Cemetery Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026
columbusfury.com • (614) 380-3879

Head Coach ..... Angel Perez
Record With Team ..... 8-16 (.333)
Career Record..... Not Available
2024 Regular Season Record..... 8-16 (T5th)
2024 Playoff Record ..... Did Not Qualify
Home Arena..... Nationwide Arena
Series Record ..... Grand Rapids leads 3-1
CEO ..... David Paitson
Communications..... Kyle Jackson

Orlando Valkyries
618 E. South St., Suite 500, Orlando, FL 32801
orlandovalkyries.com • (321) 244-4600

Head Coach ..... Amy Pauly
Record With Team ..... 8-16 (.333)
Career Record (inc. College)..... 33-46 (.418)
2024 Regular Season Record..... 8-16 (T5th)
2024 Playoff Record ..... Did Not Qualify
Home Arena..... Addition Financial Arena
Series Record ..... Tied 2-2
Owner..... David Forman
President ..... George Manias

Vegas Thrill
123 Pancho Via Dr., Henderson, NV 89012
vegasthrill.com • (725) 251-5413

Head Coach ..... Rámon Hernández
Record With Team ..... 0-0 (First Season)
Career Record..... 0-0
2024 Regular Season Record..... 8-16 (T5th)
2024 Playoff Record ..... Did Not Qualify
Home Arena..... Lee's Family Forum
Series Record ..... Grand Rapids leads 3-1
President ..... Ruben Herrera
General Manager ..... Fran Flory
Communications..... Lillie Redmond

Indy Ignite
8701 E. 116th St, Suite 270, Fishers, IN 46038
indyignitevb.com

Head Coach ..... George Padjen
Record With Team ..... 0-0 (First Season)
Career Record..... 0-0
2024 Record ..... Did Not Compete
2024 PVF Playoffs..... Did Not Compete
Home Arena..... Fishers Event Center
Series Record ..... Tied 0-0
Owners ... Jim Schumacher, Don Hutchinson
President ..... Mary Kay Huse
Communications..... Cathy Kightlinger

VAN ANDEL ARENA

Van Andel Arena, situated in the vibrant heart of downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan, stands as the region's premier venue for a wide array of entertainment. Since opening its doors on October 8, 1996, this state-of-the-art arena has become a cornerstone of West Michigan's cultural and sports landscape. With a seating capacity of up to 12,000, it has consistently attracted major events and world-renowned performers.

The arena is home to the Grand Rapids Griffins of the American Hockey League (AHL), the Grand Rapids Gold of the NBA G League, and the Grand Rapids Rise of Pro Volleyball Federation. Its diverse programming includes a variety of sports events, family-friendly shows, concerts, and comedy performances. Van Andel Arena has hosted an impressive lineup of events, from NCAA hockey regionals and the AFL Arena Bowl XV to iconic performances by Neil Diamond, Elton John, and Justin Timberlake. The arena is also a regular venue for Disney on Ice, drawing families from across the region.

RISE 2024 HOME ATTENDANCE

Date	Opponent	Fans
Thursday, Jan. 25	vs. Columbus	7,805*
Monday, Feb. 12	vs. Omaha	4,060
Sunday, Feb. 18	vs. Atlanta	4,566
Saturday, March 9	vs. Columbus	5,011
Sunday, March 17	vs. Vegas	4,259
Monday, April 1	vs. Atlanta	2,614
Saturday, April 6	vs. Orlando	5,250
Saturday, April 13	vs. Vegas	4,396
Thursday, April 18	vs. Orlando	3,252
Saturday, May 4	vs. San Diego	3,421
Sunday, May 5	vs. San Diego	3,885
Sunday, May 12	vs. Omaha	5,362
12 Matches	**TOTAL**	**53,881**
** Sellout*	**AVERAGE**	**4,490**

MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS: Members of the media must email requests for single-game credentials to the Rise public relations office no later than 24 hours prior to match time. The names of individuals covering the game must be specified. Freelancers must provide proof of assignment. Credentials will be left at the media/service entrance on the southeast side of Van Andel Arena. Credentials will not be issued to family members, non-working media, or anyone not associated with accredited media organizations. Season credentials will be granted only to media who cover the Rise on a regular basis.

PARKING: Limited reserved parking is available to media in the Louis-Campau parking ramp at 43 Monroe Ave. NW, a few blocks from the arena. To request parking, contact the public relations office a day in advance.

MEDIA ENTRANCE: The media will call table is located at the southeast media/service entrance of Van Andel Arena (off Ionia Street). Media, scouts and broadcasters must use this entrance on game nights and should be prepared to present photo identification if requested. Credentials are available from two hours prior to game time until first serve. After that time, credentials may be picked up at the public will call windows in the main lobby of the arena (Fulton St.).

PRESS BOX: The press box at Van Andel Arena is located on the fourth floor above the upper-level suites on the east side of the building. It can be accessed by taking the elevator at the media entrance to level 3, then turning left and walking up the flight of stairs. All seating is assigned. Complimentary wireless Internet access is available and all notes/match information can be accessed through grrise.com. Some printed copies will also be available.

MEDIA MEAL: Complimentary arena concession vouchers are available to all credentialed media. They may be obtained from the attendant at the media/service entrance from two hours prior to match time until first serve. After that time, please see the Rise PR staff in the press box.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Photographers wishing to cover Rise home matches should follow the aforementioned procedure for media, submitting their emailed request no later than 24 hours prior to match time. Photographers may shoot only from areas designated by the public relations office, and on a space-available basis. Freelance photographers must provide proof of assignment. Fans and others without photo credentials may not use cameras that extend over 80 mm, detachable lenses over 80 mm, or flash.

INTERVIEWS: Requests for all Rise player and coach interviews, pre-match or otherwise, should be made to the Rise public relations office. Post-match interviews will be conducted in an interview room located down the hallway from the team's locker room in the southwest corner of the arena.

PRACTICES: Rise practices are mainly held at MSA Fieldhouse (5435 28th St Ct SE) or Van Andel Arena. They are open to media. Consult the public relations office for exact dates and times and notify them if you plan to attend.

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DAN DEVOS
Chief Executive Officer

Dan DeVos is the CEO of West Michigan's first women's major league sports team, the Grand Rapids Rise of the newly formed Pro Volleyball Federation.

The Rise reached the League's inaugural championship match in 2024, despite entering the playoffs as the fourth and final seed. The Rise upset the top-seeded Atlanta Vibe in the semfinals before falling to the No. 2-seeded Omaha Supernovas in the title match in Omaha.

In addition to the Rise, Dan is the co-owner, CEO and governor of the Grand Rapids Griffins, and co-owner of West Michigan Soccer, which will begin play at Amway Stadium in 2027 as a member of MLS NEXT Pro. A Grand Rapids native, Dan has guided the Griffins franchise from its West Michigan debut in 1996, through its Calder Cup championships in 2013 and 2017, and now into its 29th season in 2024-25. Dan also serves as chairman of the Orlando Magic and is a member of the NBA Board of Governors. He leads the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation as the organization's chairman.

DeVos serves as chairman and CEO of DP Fox Ventures LLC, an organization founded in 1993 by Dan and his wife, Pamella. DP Fox is a diversified management company with interests in real estate, fashion, transportation, sports and entertainment. He is also a member of the board of directors at Amway, the world's largest direct selling company.

Dan is involved in many philanthropic efforts through his work with the Daniel and Pamella DeVos Foundation, which supports nonprofit organizations focused on the arts, education and community. He serves on the board of trustees for Hope Network Foundation and Northwood University, his alma mater, in Midland, Michigan. Dan also is a vice chair of the Grand Valley University Foundation.

Dan and Pamella have two daughters and one son, and live in West Michigan.

DIANE MAHER
Chief Strategy Officer

Diane Maher is the President and Chief Strategy Officer of DP Fox Ventures, LLC, a diversified management company with interests in real estate, transportation, fashion, sports and entertainment. She is also the President & COO for Fox Motors. Fox Motors is a retail automotive and powersports group representing 43 locations and 48 brands. The locations stretch from Chicago to Grand Rapids to Marquette in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Diane started at DP Fox Ventures in 1993 as the firm's Vice President of Finance. She was promoted to Chief Financial Officer a few years later and to Chief Operating Officer of Fox Motors in 2009. She has handled acquisitions of all Fox Motors dealerships in her role as CFO and COO starting with the very first one in 2000. Diane previously worked at Deloitte & Touche LLP from 1987-1993 as an Audit Manager and as a financial consultant to DP Fox.

Ms. Maher is a graduate of Ferris State University where she earned her bachelor's degree in accountancy. She received her designation as a CPA in 1987. She is currently a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Ms. Maher serves on the Our Daily Bread Ministries Board of Directors as well as their Executive Committee and is the past Chairman of their Personnel, Finance and Audit Committee. She also serves on the West Michigan Policy Forum Board of Directors and is a member of their Executive Committee and Communication Committee. She is also a past board member of Mercantile Bank of Michigan Board of Directors and its Audit Committee and IT Steering Committee.

Diane is also a founding member and CEO for One Starfish Foundation, which provides relationally-based outreach and ongoing supportive services to individuals being released from prison and street-based outreach to the mentally ill homeless.

Diane lives in East Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has three children.

SCOTT GORSLINE
Chief Operating Officer

Scott Gorsline is responsible for overseeing the operational aspects of the Rise, the Grand Rapids Griffins and DP Fox Sports & Entertainment on behalf of their parent company, DP Fox Ventures, LLC.

As executive vice president—family investments of DP Fox and alternate governor of the Griffins, Gorsline negotiated the Griffins' original affiliation agreement with the Detroit Red Wings in 2002 along with its four extensions in 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2022. Gorsline serves as the team's alternate governor to the AHL Board of Governors and oversees three community rinks on behalf of DP Fox: Griff's IceHouse at Belknap Park, the Griffins' practice facility; Griff's IceHouse West in Holland; and Griff's Georgetown in Georgetown Township. He was also responsible for the launch of the Grand Rapids Rise for the inaugural season of the Pro Volleyball Federation (PVF) franchise in 2024. He also serves on the PVF board of directors.

Gorsline has operational oversight of various DP Fox-affiliated companies. He oversees operations at Cape Eleuthera Resort and Marina, a resort development in The Bahamas. Gorsline also serves as COO of pamella roland, a New York-based design house run by designer/president Pamella DeVos. In addition, Gorsline has operational oversight over Bill & Paul's Sporthaus, the premier retailer for outdoor enthusiasts in West Michigan, which opened its second location, Beyond of Ada, in August 2020. Gorsline is also a board member of the Griffins Youth Foundation.

Gorsline has been with DP Fox since 1995. He graduated from Alma College with a bachelor's degree in business administration and history, and he received his JD and MBA from the University of Detroit, where he was editor of the Law Review.

He and his wife, Mary, are the parents of triplet daughters Libby, Belle and Gracie.

TIM GORTSEMA
Senior VP of Business Operations

Tim Gortsema began his career with DP Fox Sports & Entertainment as director of finance and administration for the Grand Rapids Griffins before being named vice president in 1997. In February 2007 he was promoted to senior vice president of business operations, becoming just the second person to direct the Griffins' front office, and he was named president of the franchise in June 2015.

In addition to managing all things Griffins related, Gortsema oversees all business-related activities for the Rise, including finance and administration, sales and marketing, public and community relations, and arena advertising.

Gortsema, who in 2011 received the Griffins' inaugural Founders "Overtime" Award for his career contributions to the organization, was honored as the 2017-18 recipient of the AHL's James C. Hendy Memorial Award, which is given annually to the league's outstanding executive. He is entering his 29th season with the organization.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Hope College in Holland and his MBA from Western Michigan University. Prior to joining DP Fox Sports, he was a manager in the audit department at Deloitte & Touche, LLP.

Gortsema is a member of the board of directors for the Economic Club of Grand Rapids, the West Michigan Sports Commission, and Lake Michigan Credit Union.

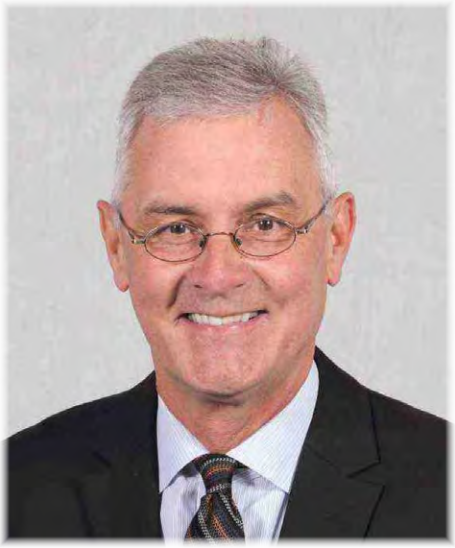
Gortsema and his wife, Suzanne, have two daughters, Danielle and Madelyn, and one son, Justin.

COLE DEVOS
Director of Strategic Investments

Cole DeVos is the director of strategic investments at DP Fox Ventures, a diversified business development and management company with interests in real estate, fashion, transportation, sports and entertainment. Sports interests include majority ownership of the Grand Rapids Griffins, an American Hockey League franchise and top affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings, and the Grand Rapids Rise of Pro Volleyball Federation.

In addition, Cole is engaged in his family's leadership of other DeVos family-owned ventures, including the Orlando Magic of the National Basketball Association and Wakestream Holdings. Previously, he served in various business and management roles at Stats Perform, a sports data and analytics company.

Cole earned a bachelor's degree in management from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He was a member of the college's hockey team that, in 2018, won the ACHA Division III national championship.



BOB KASER
VP of Broadcasting

Named the Griffins' vice president of community relations and broadcasting in March 2007, Bob Kaser begins his 25th season with the organization. For the Rise, Kaser is entrusted with fulfilling TV and radio deals regarding games and promotions.

Kaser serves as director for both the Griffins Youth Foundation Golf Classic and the Griffins Youth Hockey Camps, as well as co-chair for the Great Skate Winterfest. His extensive work and commitment to West Michigan communities has contributed to raising nearly $8 million for local charities over the last 22 seasons while also having impacted the lives of so many with countless player and mascot visits in and around West Michigan.

Along with his long-time broadcast partners, Larry Figurski and Lou Rabaut, Kaser has won 10 broadcast excellence awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, as well as two AP honors for outstanding hockey play-by-play. He also earned the James H. Ellery Award as the AHL's Broadcaster of the Year in 2010. No doubt, one of his greatest honors was bestowed in 2021, as he was inducted into the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame while acknowledged as the recipient of the Warren Reynolds Lifetime Achievement Award.

In his free time, Kaser assists with several other worthy causes in West Michigan, most notably sitting on the board of directors for Kids' Food Basket and serving on its governance and capital campaign committees. Kaser is excited to add a role recently with the American Heart Association's Leaders of Impact, helping bring awareness and raise funds for AHA. He also works with the Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship Fund, and the Advancing Excellence committee for East Grand Rapids Schools.

Kaser and his wife, Rosalie, are part-owners of the Kilwins in East Grand Rapids and in downtown Grand Rapids and have two sons. Charlie is now the head equipment manager for the AHL's Texas Stars, and Sam is a post-graduate student at the University of Iowa.

SEAN WRIGHT
VP of Corporate Sales

Sean Wright began his tenure with DP Fox Sports & Entertainment in 2001 as director of arena advertising sales. Following a promotion in 2008, he now serves as vice president of corporate sales for both the Grand Rapids Rise in the Pro Volleyball Federation and Grand Rapids Griffins in the American Hockey League.

Wright oversees arena advertising sales along with a Griffins and Rise corporate sales department that has achieved revenue increases for 14 of the past 15 seasons and set franchise records in eight of the last nine years. In addition to his accomplishments with the Griffins, Wright played a crucial role in laying a foundation for the future growth and success efforts in corporate sales for the Rise during their inaugural 2024 season.

The Griffins' 2006 Employee of the Year and 2018 winner of the Founders "Overtime" Award for his career contributions to the organization, he has responsibility for maintaining and servicing current clients as well acquiring new business through team sponsorships.

Prior to his time with DP Fox Sports, the Oakland, California, native spent two years with Citadel Broadcasting as a radio sales representative.

He and his wife, Sara, have three daughters, Jessica, Kaitlyn and Allison, and one son, Carson.

MATT BATCHELDER
VP of Ticket Sales and Digital Marketing

A 25-year veteran of the Griffins, Matt Batchelder begins his 11th season as vice president of ticket sales. He oversees all of the Griffins' and Rise's ticket operations, including group and season ticket sales.

Beginning his tenure with DP Fox Sports & Entertainment in 1999 as a game operations intern, Batchelder has filled many roles while advancing his career with the Griffins, including stints as a ticket sales account executive (2000-03), senior ticket sales account executive (2003-05), group sales manager (2005-08), director of ticket sales (2008-12) and senior director of ticket sales (2012-14).

Batchelder's ticket sales team was named the AHL's Ticket Sales Department of the Year in 2021-22 and in 2013-14. He received honors as the Griffins' 2013 Employee of the Year, an award he first won in 2005. Batchelder also garnered the Griffins Founders Overtime Award in 2022.

Batchelder resides in Grand Rapids with his wife, Wendy, and their three children, Ana, Sam and Isaac.

LISA VEDDER
VP of Finance

Named the Griffins' and Rise's vice president of finance in July 2023, Lisa Vedder begins her 29th season with the organization. She is responsible for the management and fulfillment of accounting and payroll operations for DP Fox Sports & Entertainment, which includes organizations such as the Griffins, the Grand Rapids Rise, Griff's IceHouse at Belknap Park, Griff's IceHouse West, and Griff's Georgetown.

Beginning her tenure with DP Fox Sports & Entertainment in 1996 as an accountant, Vedder served as the Griffins' accounting manager from 1999-2008 and director of accounting and tax from 2008-23. Vedder was named the Griffins' Employee of the Year in 1998 before earning the Founders Overtime Award in 2015 for her career contributions to the organization.

Vedder assists in accounting and fundraising efforts for the Griffins Youth Foundation.

Vedder received her associate of business – paralegal major from Ferris State University before earning a bachelor's degree in accounting information management from Davenport University.

Vedder resides in Grand Rapids with her husband Steve.

RANDY CLEVES
VP of Communications

A 33-year veteran of public relations in professional hockey, Randy Cleves was promoted to vice president of communications for the Griffins in July 2023 and is entering his 26th season with the two-time Calder Cup champions. Cleves also oversees all of the communication and community efforts of the Grand Rapids Rise.

In his role, Cleves directs all aspects of public, media and community relations for the Griffins and Rise. He founded the Griffins' award-winning "Put A Lid On It" bike helmet program for kids in 2004, has served as co-chair for the team's annual Great Skate Winterfest fundraiser since 2008, and oversees a variety of reading programs and initiatives through West Michigan libraries and schools. The native of Crestview Hills, Kentucky, also serves on the board of directors for the Griffins Youth Foundation and the advisory council for the West Michigan Sports Commission.

Cleves has helped stage numerous high-profile events during his time in Grand Rapids, including the 2017 and 2013 AHL Calder Cup Finals, the 2004 AHL All-Star Classic, four Red Wings Red & White Games (2011, 2003, 2002 and 2000), two NHL preseason games (2001, 1999), ArenaBowl XV (2001), and the 2000 IHL Turner Cup Finals. He also played a key role in the planning of the Griffins' first-ever outdoor game in December 2013 at Comerica Park in Detroit.

A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Dayton in 1992 with a degree in sport management, Cleves and his department have been recognized with the AHL's 2023 and 2013 Western Conference Community Service Awards, the league's 2007 Ken McKenzie Award as the outstanding executive in PR and marketing, and the IHL's 2001 Eastern Conference and 1998 Western Conference Public Relations Staff of the Year honors.

He and his wife, Colleen, reside in Grand Rapids with their son, Regan, a senior at Central Michigan University.

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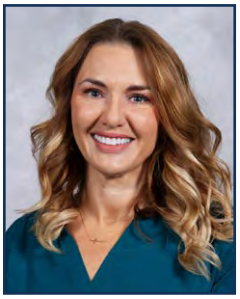

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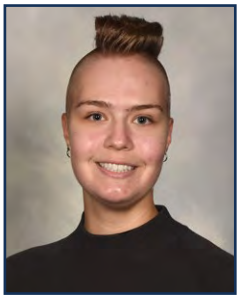

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Public Relations Intern

Camden Whitney
Corporate Partnership Fulfillment Coordinator

CATHY GEORGE

Head Coach & Vice President of Volleyball Operations

QUICK FACTS

Seasons Coached.....37th
Career Record (inc. College).....680-470 (.591)
Rise Record (2nd season).....13-13 (.500)
Hometown.....Oak Lawn, Illinois
Alma Mater .....Illinois State ('85)
Husband.....Jerry
Children.....T.J. and Conner

COACHING HISTORY

2023-present .....G.R. Rise (Head Coach)
2005-21 .....Michigan St. (Head Coach)
1994-04 ..... Western Michigan (Head Coach)
1989-93 .....UT-Arlington (Head Coach)
1987-88.....North Dakota St. (Head Coach)

BIOGRAPHY

The Grand Rapids Rise on March 13, 2023 introduced Cathy George as the team's head coach and director of volleyball operations. Prior to the start of the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, George was named VP of Volleyball Operations.

George took the Rise to the Pro Volleyball Federation championship match in her first season at the helm. In the playoff semifinals, the No. 4-seeded Rise upset the top-seeded Atlanta Vibe in five sets. Grand Rapids then lost to the No. 2-seeded Omaha Supernovas in the title match at the CHI Health Center in Omaha, Neb. The Rise finished the 2024 season with a 13-13 record, with a 7-5 record at home inside Van Andel Arena.

The winningest coach in the history of Michigan State University's volleyball program, George led the Spartans for 17 seasons (2005-21) and totaled 35 years as a collegiate head coach, including 11 seasons (1994-2004) at Western Michigan University. Upon her retirement from MSU in January 2022, her 667 career wins (667-457, .593) ranked 15th among active Division I coaches and third in the Big Ten.

At Michigan State, George amassed a 302-233 record (.564) record, qualified for the NCAA tournament 10 times, and reached the NCAA Elite Eight in 2017, when her team's final ranking of No. 8 in the AVCA national poll was the program's highest since the 1996 season. The Spartans made seven consecutive NCAA Tournaments from 2011-17 – the second-longest streak in school history – winning at least one game in each tournament and earning the second and third NCAA Sweet 16 berths of George's tenure.

George became the first woman to coach in the NCAA D1 Final Four when she took her University of Texas-Arlington program to the national semifinals in 1989. She has made 15 NCAA tournament appearances, coached 26 AVCA All-Americans, and garnered a slew of coaching honors. George was a three-time Southland Conference Coach of the Year

recipient (1989, 1990, 1992), the 2000 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year, the 1988 NCAA D2 National Coach of the Year, and a two-time North Central Conference Coach of the Year (1987, 1988).

Prior to her time at MSU, George spent 11 seasons at Western Michigan University from 1994-2004, highlighted by a 2000 campaign in which she earned MAC Coach of the Year honors as the Broncos captured the MAC title and made the NCAA Tournament. WMU made back-to-back MAC Tournament title match appearances in 1999 and 2000, and she concluded her Broncos tenure with a 185-139 mark (0.571).

Throughout her time in the state of Michigan, George's teams have garnered strong fan support. Michigan State ranked in the top 25 in Division I attendance during each of her 17 seasons at the helm (excluding COVID restrictions during spring 2021), while Western Michigan led the MAC in total attendance in eight of her 11 seasons.

George began her D1 coaching career at UT-Arlington in 1989, reaching the Final Four in her first season at the helm and winning three Southland Conference titles (1989, 1990 and 1992) in five years. She finished with an overall ledger of 93-74 (.557), including 37-4 (.902) in conference play.

George got her start as a collegiate head coach at the NCAA D2 level at North Dakota State University, serving from 1987-88. She won the NCAA D2 Coach of the Year award in her second and final season with the Bison after going 43-3 (.935), and she finished her two seasons with an 87-11 (.888) mark.

George began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Central Michigan University in 1986. In addition to her collegiate experience, she enjoyed two stints with USA Volleyball, leading the USA A2 Red team to the USA Adult Open Championship in 2008 and serving as an assistant coach at the 1999 World University Games.

A native of the Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn, Ill., and a 1985 graduate of Illinois State University, George was a four-year letterwinner in volleyball and helped the Redbirds claim three consecutive Missouri Valley Conference titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. A team captain and outside attacker, the three-time All-MVC selection was inducted into the Illinois State Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 26, 2019.

George, with her husband Jerry, have two sons, T.J. and Conner, both of whom are MSU graduates.

GEORGE'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	Team	Overall	Conference	Home Record	Postseason
1987	North Dakota State	44-8	6-1 / NCC	8-2	NCAA DII Quarterfinals
1988	North Dakota State	43-3	7-0 / NCC*	11-0	NCAA DII Semifinals
1989	UT-Arlington	31-4	7-0 / SLC*	13-0	NCAA Semifinals
1990	UT-Arlington	18-19	7-0 / SLC*	10-7	NCAA First Round
1991	UT-Arlington	13-18	8-1 / SLC	9-7	--
1992	UT-Arlington	20-14	9-0 / SLC*	9-5	NIVC
1993	UT-Arlington	11-19	6-3 / SLC	3-11	--
1994	Western Michigan	10-16	6-11 / MAC	6-4	--
1995	Western Michigan	8-20	5-12 / MAC	5-8	--
1996	Western Michigan	20-8	10-7 / MAC	14-2	--
1997	Western Michigan	13-15	9-7 / MAC	8-8	--
1998	Western Michigan	19-13	11-7 / MAC	13-4	--
1999	Western Michigan	25-7	15-3 / MAC	15-3	--
2000	Western Michigan	25-6	17-1 / MAC*	15-0	NCAA First Round
2001	Western Michigan	15-11	10-8 / MAC	10-2	--
2002	Western Michigan	14-18	8-10 / MAC	10-6	--
2003	Western Michigan	17-14	8-8 / MAC	8-6	--
2004	Western Michigan	19-11	11-5 / MAC	11-2	--
2005	Michigan State	12-18	5-15 / B1G	7-8	--
2006	Michigan State	19-12	10-10 / B1G	10-6	NCAA First Round
2007	Michigan State	21-14	10-10 / B1G	11-3	NCAA Round of 16
2008	Michigan State	15-16	7-13 / B1G	9-5	--
2009	Michigan State	17-16	5-15 / B1G	8-5	NCAA First Round
2010	Michigan State	15-16	7-13 / B1G	11-6	--
2011	Michigan State	22-12	10-10 / B1G	12-4	NCAA Second Round
2012	Michigan State	25-10	11-9 / B1G	11-5	NCAA Round of 16
2013	Michigan State	23-12	10-10 / B1G	10-5	NCAA Round of 16
2014	Michigan State	19-14	11-9 / B1G	8-7	NCAA Second Round
2015	Michigan State	19-14	10-10 / B1G	8-5	NCAA Second Round
2016	Michigan State	25-9	13-7 / B1G	15-3	NCAA Second Round
2017	Michigan State	24-9	14-6 / B1G	11-2	NCAA Quarterfinals
2018	Michigan State	17-16	5-15 / B1G	6-7	--
2019	Michigan State	15-15	6-14 / B1G	8-7	--
2020-21	Michigan State	3-12	3-12 / B1G	0-9	--
2021	Michigan State	11-18	4-16 / B1G	6-10	--
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	13-13	--	7-5	Championship Finalist
Totals	**36 Years**	**680-470**	**301-278**	**336-179**	*15 NCAA Tournament*
** - Conference Championship*		*.591*	*.520*	*.652*	*Appearances*

MIKE GAWLIK

Associate Head Coach

QUICK FACTS

Seasons Coached.....21st
Career Collegiate Record.....137-123 (.527)
Hometown.....Addison, Illinois
Alma Mater ..... Pacific ('05)
Wife ..... Katie
Child..... Wynn
Pronunciation.....GAW-lick

COACHING HISTORY

2024-present . G.R. Rise (Assoc. Head Coach)
2016-24.....Central Michigan (Head Coach)
2015..... Michigan St. (Assoc. Head Coach)
2005-14 ..... Michigan St. (Asst. Coach)

BIOGRAPHY

Mike Gawlik enters his first season as the associate head coach for the Grand Rapids Rise. Most recently, Gawlik was the head coach for the Central Michigan women's volleyball team for nine season (2016-24). Gawlik is re-united with Cathy George, Rise head coach and VP of volleyball operations, after previously being on her coaching staff at Michigan State for 11 seasons from 2005 to 2015.

Gawlik's best season with Central Michigan came in 2019 when the Chippewas finished 21-9, earning a share of the MAC West title, and advancing to the National Invitational Volleyball Championship. The division crown was CMU's first since 2003. Gawlik was named the MAC Coach of the Year, become the second CMU volleyball coach to achieve such an honor, and first to do so in 11 years.

Through his nine seasons with the Chippewas, there have been 17 All-MAC selections earning four spots on the all-freshman team. There have also been over 50 Academic All-MAC selections have shown the programs dedication to success on the court and in the classroom.

With George at Michigan State, Gawlik helped the Spartans reach nine NCAA Tournament appearances, including three trips to the Sweet 16. Gawlik's primary responsibility at MSU was coaching the defensive specialists, serving as the defensive coordinator, and working with the blockers. He also served as the program's recruiting coordinator, prepared scouting reports as well as comprehensive analysis of MSU players. Gawlik was named an Associate Head Coach at MSU in 2015 after spending nine seasons as an assistant coach and one year as a volunteer coach.

In 2010, Gawlik was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) “Thirty Under 30” list, which annually honors up-and-coming coaches who are under age 30. He was part of an MSU staff that landed top-10 recruiting classes in 2008, 2013 and 2014, and he served as the liaison between the AVCA and Big Ten assistant coaches.

MIKE GAWLIK

Gawlik has coached at collegiate-level volleyball camps, including Michigan State and Nebraska. He also served as a head coach for the Sports Performance Volleyball Club Summer Camp from 2000-04. He plays a significant role as a member of the MSU summer camp staff, assisting with session planning and budget assessment.

In 2013, Gawlik coached with the USA Senior Women's A2 program in Dallas, which provided him an opportunity to work with some of the top talent in the United States.

Gawlik was a four-year starter at setter and libero at Pacific, graduating in 2005 as the program's record holder in games played (382) and digs (849). He was a two-year captain, an All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation selection, was named a Strength and Conditioning All-American in 2005, and earned the Student of the Year Award in 2005 for sports science majors.

Gawlik earned a master's degree in athletic administration from MSU in 2011. He and his wife Katie have a daughter, Wynn.

GAWLIK'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	Team	Overall	Conference	Home Record	Postseason
2016	Central Michigan	11-17	5-11 / MAC	3-5	--
2017	Central Michigan	15-14	7-9 / MAC	6-5	--
2018	Central Michigan	7-21	4-12 / MAC	3-8	--
2019	Central Michigan	21-9	11-5 / MAC	8-3	NIVC
2020-21	Central Michigan	11-11	11-11 / MAC	4-7	--
2021	Central Michigan	13-17	7-11 / MAC	8-4	--
2022	Central Michigan	20-12	12-6 / MAC	8-1	NIVC
2023	Central Michigan	15-15	9-9 / MAC	9-3	--
2024	Central Michigan	24-7	15-3 / MAC	9-3	--
Totals	**9 Years**	**137-123**	**81-77**	**58-39**	*2 NIVC Tournament*
** - Conference Championship*		*.527*	*.513*	*.598*	*Appearances*

JASON OLIVER

Assistant Head Coach

QUICK FACTS

Seasons Coached..... 28th
Career Collegiate Record.....212-211 (.501)
Hometown.....Thousand Oaks, California
Alma Mater .....George Mason ('98)
Wife .....Kelly
Children.....Miles, Aurora, Kacie, and Beauden

COACHING HISTORY

2024-present .....G.R. Rise (Asst. Head Coach)
2018-24..... Toledo (Head Coach)
2016-17..... Indiana (Asst. Coach)
2009-15 .....High Point (Head Coach)
2008 ..... Maryland (Asst. Coach)
2005-07 .....Dayton (Asst. Coach)
2000-04.....West Virginia (Asst. Coach)
1999.....Towson (Asst. Coach)
1998.....California Lutheran (Asst. Coach)

BIOGRAPHY

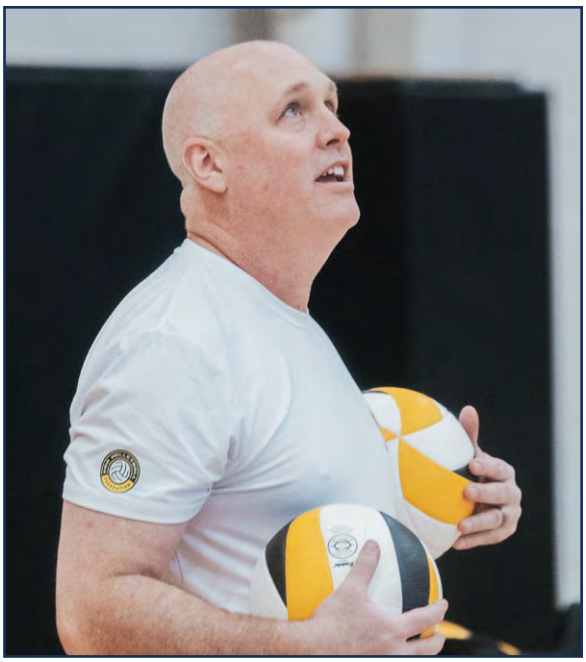
Jason Oliver was named the assistant head coach of the Rise after a successful tenure as the head coach of the University of Toledo volleyball team. Oliver, who coached seven seasons in Toledo, was instrumental in the Rockets' rise to prominence, being the first coach in program history to achieve back-to-back winning seasons (2021-22) in the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

During his time at Toledo, Oliver guided the Rockets to several program milestones. The team posted a 20-13 record in 2021, marking one of the best seasons in school history, and earned its first-ever postseason berth with a National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC) appearance. The Rockets' defense thrived that year, setting school records for total blocks and blocks per set, with standout performances from players like Rhyenne Filisi and Olivia Vance. Oliver also played a key role in the development of Taylor Alt, who became a three-time First-Team All-MAC selection and led the team with a record-breaking 457 kills in 2022.

Prior to his time at Toledo, Oliver had a standout stint as the head coach at High Point University (2009-16), where he led the Panthers to their first Big South Conference tournament title and NCAA Tournament appearance in 2010. His overall coaching record at High Point was 118-103 (.534), the highest winning percentage in the program's history at the time of his departure.

He also served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Indiana (2016-17), where he helped lead the Hoosiers to a 21-3 non-conference record over two seasons and recruited one of the top

JASON OLIVER



classes in the nation. Oliver also had other assistant coaching roles at Maryland (2008), Dayton (2005-07), West Virginia (2000-04), Towson (1999), and California Lutheran (1998).

In Oliver's three years at Dayton, the Flyers posted an 80-24 record and earned two NCAA Tournament berths. In 2007, Dayton went 33-2 and achieved a No. 12 national ranking from the America Volleyball Coaches Association, advancing to the second round of the NCAA tournament. UD spent 14 weeks in the top 25 and grabbed a national RPI ranking as high as No. 8 in the country. In 2005, the Flyers set school records in kills (2,143), total attacks (5.523) and assists (1,965).

During Oliver's time at West Virginia, the Mountaineers recorded their single largest win total in 13 years, improving from a 6-21 record during the 2003 season to an 18-13 record in 2004.

The Thousand Oaks, California, native played college volleyball at George Mason, where he was a co-captain and starting setter during his senior year. He led the team in assists and digs per game in 1997. Oliver set a school record of 99 assists in a match and tallied 1,638 assists in a season.

Oliver and his wife, Kelly, have four children: son Miles, twin daughters, Aurora and Kacie, and their youngest son Beauden.

OLIVER'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	Team	Overall	Conference	Home Record	Postseason
2009	High Point	17-17	6-10 / BSOUTH	8-7	--
2010	High Point	22-13	13-3 / BSOUTH*	10-2	NCAA First Round
2011	High Point	9-21	6-8 / BSOUTH	6-8	--
2012	High Point	20-11	9-5 / BSOUTH	10-3	--
2013	High Point	16-15	9-5 / BSOUTH	6-6	--
2014	High Point	13-16	6-8 / BSOUTH	5-5	--
2015	High Point	21-10	11-3 / BSOUTH	11-5	--
2018	Toledo	9-18	4-12 / MAC	5-6	--
2019	Toledo	9-19	2-14 / MAC	1-10	--
2020-21	Toledo	6-14	6-14 / MAC	3-8	--
2021	Toledo	20-13	10-8 / MAC	7-5	NIVC
2022	Toledo	19-13	11-7 / MAC	7-4	NIVC
2023	Toledo	14-17	11-7 / MAC	5-9	--
2024	Toledo	17-14	10-8 / MAC	9-3	--
Totals	**14 Years**	**212-211**	**114-112**	**93-81**	*1 NCAA Tournament*
** - Conference Championship*		*.501*	*.504*	*.534*	*Appearances*

KATIE GAWLIK

Assistant Coach

QUICK FACTS

Seasons Coached.....6th
Hometown.....Naperville, Illinois
Alma Mater .....Michigan ('07)
Husband.....Mike
Child.....Wynn
Pronunciation.....GAW-lick

COACHING HISTORY

2024-present ..... G.R. Rise (Asst. Coach)
2020-24 ..... Central Michigan (Asst. Coach)

BIOGRAPHY

Katie Gawlik joins the Rise coaching staff after previously coaching the five seasons as a volunteer assistant coach at Central Michigan.

The Chippewas went 83-62 (.572) during Gawlik's time on the staff, including a 24-7 record in 2024. It was the first time the program recorded at least 24 wins since 1984.

Gawlik, then Katie Bruzdzinski, earned four letters at the University of Michigan from 2004-07. She earned All-America honors twice, was a two-time All-Big Ten honoree and a three-year team captain, and led the Wolverines to the program's first Sweet Sixteen berth in 2007. She is the Wolverines' all-time leader with 1,895 career kills.

Gawlik also played professionally in Switzerland in 2008-09. She was a member of the USA Youth National Team from 2001-03, was a seven-time high school All-American, was the Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year in 2003, and won the USA Open national championship in 2003 and in 2004.

Gawlik, a native of Naperville, Illinois, is married to Rise associate head coach Mike Gawlik, and they have a daughter together named Wynn.

MATT JENNINGS

Director of Volleyball Operations & Assistant Coach

QUICK FACTS

Seasons Coached..... 22nd
Career Collegiate Record..... 223-157 (.587)
Hometown.....Chicago, Illinois
Alma Mater .....Augustana (Ill.) ('03)
Wife .....Mary
Children.....Jack Henry, Connor, and Eleanor

COACHING HISTORY

2024-present ... G.R. Rise (DOVO/Asst. Coach)
2012-24.....Michigan Tech (Head Coach)
2009-11 .....Pittsburgh (Asst. Coach)
2008 .....DePaul (Asst. Coach)
2007.....Eastern Kentucky (Asst. Coach)
2004-06.....St. Ambrose (Men's Head Coach)

BIOGRAPHY

Matt Jennings brings a wealth of collegiate experience to the Rise after spending 13 successful seasons as head coach at Michigan Tech University (NCAA Division II).

Under his leadership, Michigan Tech made four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances (2017-2021) and earned back-to-back GLIAC regular-season championships in 2021 (spring and fall). Jennings was named GLIAC Coach of the Year twice (2019, 2017) while compiling a 223-157 overall record, with a 136-81 mark in conference play.

Before his time at Michigan Tech, Jennings made his mark at the University of Pittsburgh, where he served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. His recruitment efforts helped secure back-to-back nationally ranked recruiting classes according to prepvolleyball.com, solidifying the program's future. He was also an assistant at DePaul and Eastern Kentucky.

Jennings began his coaching career at St. Ambrose University (NAIA) in Davenport, Iowa. From 2004-06, he served as the head men's volleyball coach and head women's junior varsity volleyball coach. He helped the men's team to a conference runner-up finish and top-10 national ranking in 2005.

The Chicago native played men's volleyball at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, from 2000-03. Jennings was a two-time team captain and a four-year starter for the Vikings.

Jennings has also been a part of the NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Committee after serving as a Midwest Region Repsentative. The committee's central responsibility is the administration of championship events for the NCAA DII Women's Volleyball postseason. Jennings oversaw, among other things, the selection, seeding and bracketing of the NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship, including all regional tournaments and the final eight teams at the Championship site. The committee also works on-site alongside

MATT JENNINGS

NCAA staff during the national championship tournament. Other duties include reporting directly to the Management Council on matters such as budgetary recommendations, facilitating the host site bidding process, as well as working with other NCAA committees on matters regarding women's volleyball at the division two level.

Jennings earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and political science from Augustana College (Illinois) in 2003 and received his master of business administration (MBA) from St. Ambrose in 2006. He spent time working in the financial industry as a credit manager for Wells Fargo and an associate business analyst for the Northern Trust Company in downtown Chicago.

Jennings and his wife, Mary, reside in Grand Rapids with their two sons, Jack Henry and Connor, and daughter Eleanor. Mary is the Executive Director of Grand Rapids Ballet. She also is an experienced yoga instructor.

JENNINGS' WOMEN'S VB HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	Team	Overall	Conference	Home Record	Postseason
2012	Michigan Tech	12-19	7-11 / GLIAC	5-4	--
2013	Michigan Tech	11-19	7-11 / GLIAC	4-5	--
2014	Michigan Tech	11-16	8-10 / GLIAC	5-9	--
2015	Michigan Tech	19-12	10-8 / GLIAC	5-4	--
2016	Michigan Tech	16-15	11-6 / GLIAC	6-3	--
2017	Michigan Tech	20-11	12-4 / GLIAC	11-3	NCAA DII First Round
2018	Michigan Tech	23-7	12-4 / GLIAC	7-1	NCAA DII First Round
2019	Michigan Tech	24-8	13-3 / GLIAC	10-2	NCAA DII Regional Semis
2020-21	Michigan Tech	11-4	9-3 / GLIAC*	5-0	--
2021	Michigan Tech	25-7	14-1 / GLIAC*	10-5	NCAA DII Regional Semis
2022	Michigan Tech	20-10	11-7 / GLIAC	6-3	--
2023	Michigan Tech	15-16	10-8 / GLIAC	7-4	--
2024	Michigan Tech	17-12	10-7 / GLIAC	6-5	--
Totals	**13 Years**	**224-156**	**136-81**	**87-48**	*4 NCAA DII Tournament*
** - Conference Championship*		*.589*	*.627*	*.644*	*Appearances*

SUPPORT STAFF

DAVID GETSOFF
Head Athletic Trainer
Louisiana Tech, '08
2nd Season

ZOIE APPLEBERRY
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Western Michigan, '25
1st Season

MITCH NIENHUIS
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
Miami, '16
1st Season

SEAN JUDD
Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
Grand Valley State, '23
1st Season

BELLA HOMMES
Volleyball Intern
Aquinas, '25
1st Season

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

NUMBER OF SEASONS (Including This Season)

Cathy George	37th (1987-present)
Jason Oliver	28th (1998-present)
Matt Jennings	22nd (2004-present)
Mike Gawlik	21st (2005-present)
Katie Gawlik	6th (2020-present)
TOTAL	**94 Seasons**

WVB HEAD COACHING RECORD

Cathy George	680-470 (.591)
Matt Jennings	224-156 (.589)
Mike Gawlik	137-123 (.527)
Jason Oliver	212-211 (.501)
TOTAL	**1253-960 (.566)**

WVB HEAD COACHING CONFERENCE TITLES

Cathy George	5
Matt Jennings	2
Jason Oliver	1
TOTAL	**8 Conference Titles**

WVB HEAD COACHING CONFERENCE RECORD

Matt Jennings	136-81 (.627)
Cathy George	301-278 (.520)
Mike Gawlik	81-77 (.513)
Jason Oliver	114-112 (.504)
TOTAL	**632-548 (.536)**

WVB HEAD COACHING HOME RECORD

Cathy George	336-179 (.652)
Matt Jennings	87-48 (.644)
Mike Gawlik	58-39 (.598)
Jason Oliver	93-81 (.534)
TOTAL	**574-347 (.623)**

WVB HEAD COACHING WINNING SEASONS

Cathy George	22
Matt Jennings	9
Jason Oliver	7
Mike Gawlik	4
TOTAL	**42 Winning Seasons**

WVB HEAD COACHING NCAA TOURNMENTS

Cathy George	15
Matt Jennings	4
Jason Oliver	1
TOTAL	**20 NCAA Tournaments**

YEARS COACHED WITH ONE TEAM

Cathy George	17 (Michigan State, 2005-21)
Matt Jennings	13 (Michigan Tech, 2012-24)
Cathy George	11 (Western Michigan, 1994-04)
Mike Gawlik	11 (Michigan State, 2005-15)
Mike Gawlik	9 (Central Michigan, 2016-24)
Jason Oliver	7 (Toledo, 2018-24)
Jason Oliver	7 (High Point, 2009-15)
Katie Gawlik	5 (Central Michigan, 2020-24)

CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Cathy George	4
Matt Jennings	2
Mike Gawlik	1
TOTAL	**7 Conference COY Awards**

BEST SEASON (RECORD-WISE)

Cathy George	43-3 (NDSU, 1988)
Cathy George	31-4 (UT-Arlington, 1989)
Cathy George	44-8 (NDSU, 1987)
Cathy George	25-6 (W. Michigan, 2000)
Cathy George	25-7 (W. Michigan, 1999)
Matt Jennings	25-7 (Michigan Tech, 2021)
Mike Gawlik	24-7 (C. Michigan, 2024)
Matt Jennings	23-7 (Michigan Tech, 2018)
Matt Jennings	24-8 (Michigan Tech, 2019)
Cathy George	25-9 (Michigan State, 2016)
Matt Jennings	11-4 (Michigan Tech, 2020-21)

BEST SEASON (POSTSEASON-WISE)

C. George	PVF Finalist (GR Rise, 2024)
C. George	NCAA Semifinals (UT-A, 1992)
C. George	NCAA Quarterfinals (MSU, 2017)
C. George	NCAA DII Semifinals (NDSU, 1988)
C. George	NCAA DII Quarterfinals (NDSU, 1987)

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ELENA OGLIVIE

Libero
5-10 | 1st Pro Season
Honolulu, Hawaii

Professional Experience

- Making professional debut in 2025 with the Grand Rapids Rise in Pro Volleyball Federation.

College Experience

- Played five seasons at Stanford University, racking up 2,075 digs in 136 matches played (495 sets). Also had 537 assists, 109 aces, and 28 kills.
- Two-time AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2022, 2023)
- Two-time Pac-12 champion (2022, 2023)
- Two-time Pac-12 Libero of the Year (2022, 2023)
- Played in four NCAA Tournaments (2022-24), reaching the NCAA Regional Final three times.
- As a junior, led the Pac-12 with 517 digs (4.42 digs per set) during the 2022-23 season.
- Member of the U20 U.S. World Championship team.

ELENA OGLIVIE

Drafted by Grand Rapids Rise in 2024 PVF College Draft 4th Round, 29th Overall

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2024	Stanford	115-33	2	0.02	1	5	.200	20	152	450	0
2023	Stanford	120-33	0	0.00	0	4	.000	33	117	497	0
2022	Stanford	117-32	1	0.01	0	3	.333	24	131	517	0
2021	Stanford	103-28	24	0.23	10	64	.219	25	108	451	2
2020-21	Stanford	40-10	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	7	29	160	0
TOTAL	**5 Seasons**	495-136	28	0.06	11	77	.221	109	537	2075	2

High School / Club Experience

- Four-year letterwinner, captain for two seasons at Iolani School in Honolulu.
- Two-time Hawaii state champions (2016, 2018), finished as the state runner-up in 2017.
- Three-time Gatorade State Player of the Year for Hawaii (2017, 2019, 2020)
- 2019 Under Armour First Team All-American
- Played club for Kui'kahi VBC.

Personal Information

- Daughter of Septimus and Helene Oglivie.
- Has two older sisters, Malie and Ana, and two older brothers, Kawika and Septimus III. Ana played college volleyball for Army and is serving in the military.
- Great Uncle, Ben Oglivie, played Major League Baseball for the Milwaukee Brewers, Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox from 1971-86.
- Started playing volleyball at six years old as a setter.
- Multiple ethnicities (White, Black Hawaiian, Panamanian, Korean, Chinese), and her family celebrates a lot of different cultures.
- Favorite foods include sushi, pizza, and pasta.

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VALERIA LEÓN

Libero
5-6 | 8th Pro Season
Ponce, Puerto Rico

Professional Experience

- Played 24 matches (87 sets) for the Columbus Fury in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording 270 digs and 65 assists.
- Six professional seasons in Puerto Rico with four different teams.
- Named 2022-23 Best Libero of Puerto Rican League with Leonas de Ponce.

College Experience

- Competed for four seasons at Ohio State from 2013-16, finished her collegiate career as the program leader in total digs (1,795) and digs per set (3.51). Played in 137 matches (512 sets), collecting 404 assists and 97 aces as well.
- Set the OSU record averaging 4.31 digs per set as a junior.
- Reached the NCAA National Tournament three times (2014-16) but fell in the regional semifinals on all three occasions to Washington and Wisconsin (twice).

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	Columbus Fury	87-24	0	--	0	0	--	0	65	270	0	0

VALERIA LEÓN

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024	Columbus Fury	United States
2022-23	Leonas de Ponce	Puerto Rico
2021-22	Criollas de Caguas	Puerto Rico
2020-21	Leonas de Ponce	Puerto Rico
2019-20	Indias de Mayagüez	Puerto Rico
2018-19	Llaneras de Toa Baja	Puerto Rico
2016-17	Leonas de Ponce	Puerto Rico

COLLEGE STATS

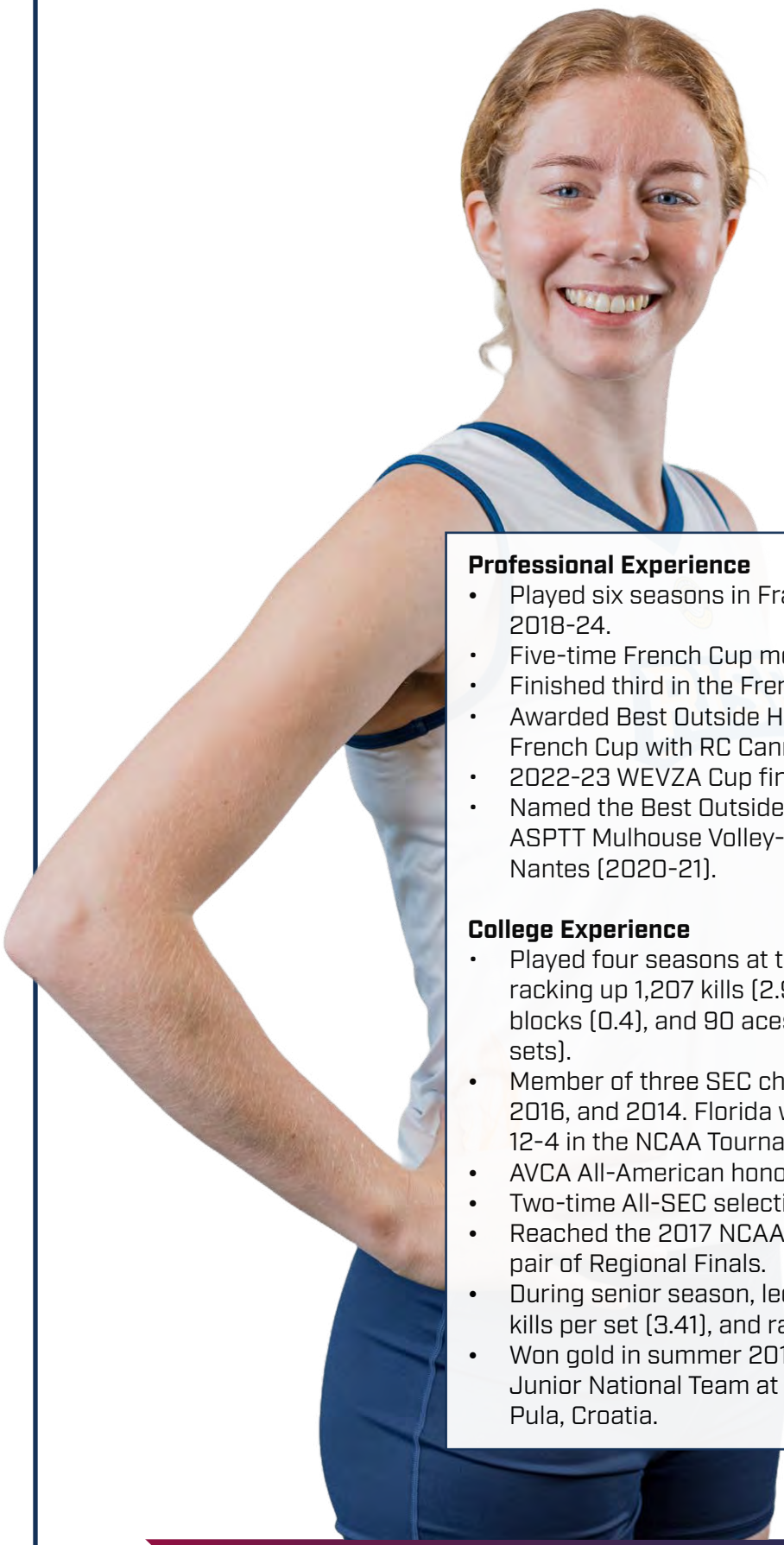
Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2016	Ohio State	132-35	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	19	144	529	0
2015	Ohio State	131-35	5	0.04	0	14	.357	31	121	564	0
2014	Ohio State	136-35	2	0.01	0	7	.286	27	114	482	0
2013	Ohio State	113-32	1	0.01	0	2.	.500	20	25	220	0
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	512-137	8	0.02	1	25	.280	97	404	1795	0

High School / Club Experience

- Five-year starter for Colegio Sagrado Corazon de Jesus.
- Named MVP of the 2011 Senior Varsity Sagrado Corazon championship.
- Starting libero for the 2012 Puerto Rico National High School All-Star match.

Personal Information

- Parents are Hector and Vivian.
- Has one older sister, Karina.
- Graduated with a strategic communications degree.
- Obtained a law degree from Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico in 2022.
- Has two Shih Tzus named Pia and Nahla.
- Right-handed but plays volleyball with a dominant left hand.
- Favorite sport to watch besides volleyball is men's basketball.



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CARLI SNYDER

Outside Hitter
6-1 | 7th Pro Season
Macomb, Michigan

Professional Experience

- Played six seasons in France with four different teams from 2018-24.
- Five-time French Cup medalist with three runner-up finishes
- Finished third in the French Ligue A three times.
- Awarded Best Outside Hitter and Best Server at the 2022-23 French Cup with RC Cannes.
- 2022-23 WEVZA Cup finalist with RC Cannes.
- Named the Best Outside Hitter in the French League A with ASPTT Mulhouse Volley-Ball (2019-20) and Volley-Ball Nantes (2020-21).

College Experience

- Played four seasons at the University of Florida (2014-17), racking up 1,207 kills (2.90 per set), 948 digs (2.28), 164 blocks (0.4), and 90 aces (0.15) in 122 matches played (416 sets).
- Member of three SEC championships with Florida, in 2017, 2016, and 2014. Florida was 110-17 overall (64-8 SEC) and 12-4 in the NCAA Tournament during her four-year tenure.
- AVCA All-American honors in 2017, 2016, and 2015.
- Two-time All-SEC selection (2017, 2016)
- Reached the 2017 NCAA National Championship match, and a pair of Regional Finals.
- During senior season, led the Gators in points per set (4.16), kills per set (3.41), and ranked second in digs per set (3.26)
- Won gold in summer 2015 with the United States Volleyball Junior National Team at the European Global Challenge in Pula, Croatia.

CARLI SNYDER

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2023-24	Volley Mulhouse Alsace	France
2022-23	RC Cannes	France
2021-22	RC Cannes	France
2020-21	Volley-Ball Nantes	France
2019-20	ASPTT Mulhouse Volley-Ball	France
2018-19	ASPTT Mulhouse Volley-Ball	France

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2017	Florida	116-32	395	3.41	118	1230	.225	57	25	378	60
2016	Florida	103-31	371	3.60	89	957	.295	21	7	277	34
2015	Florida	102-28	247	2.42	82	635	.260	12	24	246	39
2014	Flordia	95-31	194	2.04	75	516	.231	0	6	47	31
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	416-122	1207	2.90	364	3338	.253	90	62	948	164

High School / Club Experience

- 2013 Miss Michigan Volleyball
- 2013-14 Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year
- 2013 Metro Detroit Volleyball Player of the Year
- 2012 Gatorade Michigan State Volleyball Player of the Year title while leading Dakota High School to a state championship.
- Four-time First Team All-Michigan selection
- Racked up career totals of 2,703 kills, 1,851 digs, and 491 aces — all Dakota school records.
- As a senior, had 600 kills (6.5 kills per set), 483 digs, and 113 aces.
- Played club volleyball at Michigan Elite.
- Most Valuable Player at the NORCECA Girls' U18 Continental Championships after helping Team USA to the gold medal with 17 points against the Dominican Republic.

Personal Information

- Graduated from Florida with a degree in International Relations.
- Has a large house cat named Mystic, who has a passport and can travel internationally.
- Has two siblings, Kelsey and Cale. Kelsey played volleyball at Ohio Dominican (2011-14) and Cale was a Michigan H.S. state champion pole vaulter, who competed collegiately at Washburn (2017-21) before becoming a police officer.
- First job was working a concession stand at Michigan Elite.
- Also played tennis and basketball growing up.

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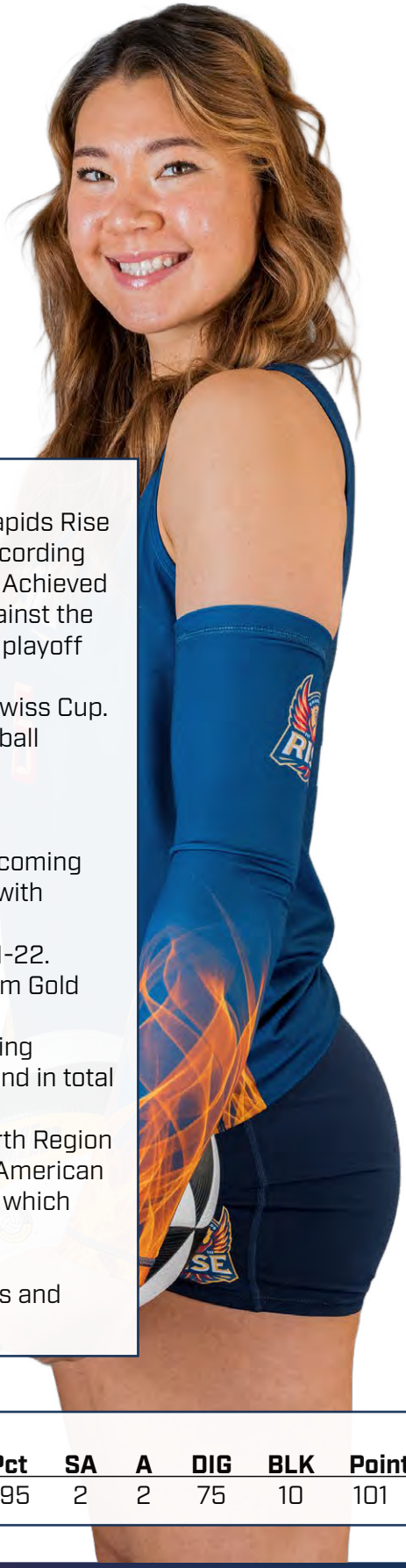
ERIKA PRITCHARD

Outside Hitter
6-3 | 4th Pro Season
Frederick, Maryland



Professional Experience

- Played 13 matches (11 starts) and 38 sets for the Grand Rapids Rise in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording 101 points, 89 kills (.195), 75 digs, 10 blocks, and two aces. Achieved one double-double with 10 kills and 13 digs in a 3-1 win against the Orlando Valkyries (4/18). Season-high 15 kills in a five-set playoff semifinal victory against the top-seeded Atlanta Vibe.
- Won a bronze medal with VBC Cheseaux in the 2022-23 Swiss Cup.
- Began pro career in France with Vandceuvre Nancy Volleyball during the 2021-22 campaign.

College Experience

- From 2017-21, competed at the University of Maryland, becoming the all-time leader in points with 1,790 and second in kills with 1,526.
- Finished collegiate career at Penn State University in 2021-22.
- Named to the 2020 USA Volleyball Collegiate National Team Gold roster.
- Dubbed a 2020 First-Team All-Big Ten member after ranking second in the conference with 339.5 total points and second in total kills with 28.
- In 2018, named to the First Team All-Big Ten, AVCA All-North Region Team and the Volleyball Magazine Honorable Mention All-American team after posting 493 kills and a .213 attack percentage, which were both career highs.
- Paced the Big Ten with 4.32 kills per set in 2018
- As a freshman in 2017, led the Big Ten with 48 service aces and 0.42 aces per set.

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	38-13	89	2.34	38	261	.195	2	2	75	10	101

ERIKA PRITCHARD

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	United States
2022-23	VBC Cheseaux	Switzerland
2021-22	Vandceuvre Nancy VB	France

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2021	Penn State	73-23	166	2.27	91	477	.157	14	5	69	38
2020-21	Maryland	82-20	285	3.48	145	796	.176	27	12	165	50
2019	Maryland	127-32	417	3.28	188	1149	.199	30	16	248	74
2018	Maryland	114-32	493	4.32	208	1335	.213	22	18	287	65
2017	Maryland	113-32	331	2.92	161	877	.194	48	2	159	50
TOTAL	**5 Seasons**	509-139	1692	3.32	794	4635	.194	141	52	929	277

High School / Club Experience

- Set seven school records at Middletown High School, including career kills.
- Ranked No. 29 recruit in 2017 class by PrepVolleyball.
- 2016 Under Armour Second-Team All-American
- 2015 PrepVolleyball High Honorable Mention All-American
- 2015 Frederick News Post Player of the Year, All-County First Team and All-Conference
- 2014 All-County First Team and All-League First Team
- 2013 All-County Second Team and All-League Second Team
- Named to PrepVolleyball's Frosh 59, Soph 79 and Top 50 junior recruits lists.
- Named to the USAV Girls Jr. National Championships All-Tournament Team in 2016.

Personal Information

- Has two older brothers, Kyle and Adam.
- Started playing volleyball at 11 years old as an outside hitter.
- Always needs to take a nap on match day to mentally visualize before the game.
- Hobbies include playing the ukulele, making art, and photography/film.
- Favorite movie is Inception or any Pixar film.
- Enjoys vacationing anywhere with sun and a beach.

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KALEIGH NELSON

Opposite Hitter
6-0 | 3rd Pro Season
Salem, Oregon

Professional Experience

- Last played professional during the 2017-18 season in Sweden with Engelholm VS.
- Ranked the Swedish League's best scorer and opposite hitter, and Engelholm VS won the Swedish League and Swedish Cup.
- Made her pro debut during the 2015-16 season with Köpenicker SC Berlin in Germany.

College Experience

- Two-time AVCA Third Team All-American at Washington during her four-year tenure from 2011-14.
- Made the 2013 Final Four and won the Pac-12 title.
- Two-time All-Pac-12 Team selection
- Second on her team in kills during her All-America seasons behind Krista Vansant, and she finished with 1,095.5 career points.
- As a senior, she averaged 2.42 kills per set while hitting a career-high .339, which was highest among all Pac-12 outside hitters.

KALEIGH NELSON

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2017-18	Engelholm VS	Sweden
2015-16	Köpenicker SC Berlin	Germany

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2014	Washington	122-34	293	2.42	66	670	.339	1	6	46	105
2013	Washington	118-33	360	3.05	121	940	.254	6	2	53	84
2012	Washington	113-32	274	2.42	89	653	.283	0	4	33	94
2011	Washington	16-12	13	0.81	8	49	.102	1	0	5	4
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	369-111	940	2.55	284	2312	.284	8	12	137	287

High School / Club Experience

- Lettered three years for Sprague High School, leading her team to Central Valley Conference titles as a junior and a senior and three state tournaments.
- Named CVC Player of the Year as a senior and a first team All-State selection.
- First Team All-CVC as a junior and a senior and Second Team as a sophomore.
- Competed for the Oregon Northwest Juniors as a junior and a senior, leading the team to a 6-4 record at the 2010 U.S. Junior National Championships 18 Open division in Reno, Nev.
- Played for Salem Volleyball Club her first two years of high school.
- Lettered in track her senior year, and won the CVC title in the high jump, going on to place 10th at the state meet and setting a best clearance of 5-feet, 4-inches.

Personal Information

- Married to Steve Whitaker and has two daughters, Peyton and Ryleigh.
- Steve is the Club Beach Director for Sudden Impact Volleyball in Washington.
- Has one older brother, Andrew.
- Started playing volleyball at 13 years old and was a middle blocker because she was the tallest on the team.
- Favorite sport to watch besides volleyball is synchronized diving.

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RAVEN COLVIN

Middle Blocker
6-1 | 1st Pro Season
Indianapolis, Indiana

Professional Experience

- Making professional debut in 2025 with the Grand Rapids Rise in Pro Volleyball Federation.

College Experience

- During her four-year college career at Purdue University, Colvin amassed 1,010 kills in 128 matches (461 sets) with a .310 hitting percentage, while also accumulating 642 blocks and 108 aces.
- Two-time AVCA All-American (2023, 2024) and All-Big Ten First Team (2023, 2024) selection
- Helped Purdue reach the NCAA Tournament during all four years of tenure, including an Elite 8 appearance as freshman in 2021 with Rise teammate Jena Otec.
- As a junior, finished second in the Big Ten and seventh in the nation in total blocks (167).
- Set a Big Ten rally-scoring era record with her 16 total blocks (five solo, 11 assisted) in a match against Maryland her sophomore season.
- Made the Big Ten All-Freshman Team
- Competed with the U21 U.S. National Team in Summer 2022, helping the U.S. win gold for the second time in the team's history.

RAVEN COLVIN

Drafted by Grand Rapids Rise in 2024 PVF College Draft 1st Round, 7th Overall

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2024	Purdue	118-34	305	2.58	102	586	.346	37	8	55	184
2023	Purdue	125-32	269	2.15	105	586	.280	26	11	61	167
2022	Purdue	122-32	267	2.19	98	599	.282	43	6	74	173
2021	Purdue	98-30	169	1.76	54	330	.348	2	4	12	118
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	461-128	1010	2.19	359	2101	.310	108	29	202	642

High School / Club Experience

- 2020 Under Armour All-America honorable mention
- Two-time JVA All-National Team selection (2019 and 2020)
- Guided Heritage Christian to the Indiana state championship title.
- Four-time Sectional Champion (2017-2020)
- Three-time Regional Champion (2018-2020)
- Eclipsed 1,000 kills during her senior season.
- Three-time All-Conference honoree

Personal Information

- Daughter of Purdue football alum, two-time Super Bowl champion, Rosevelt “Rosie” Colvin, who spent 10 years in the NFL, playing for the Chicago Bears and New England Patriots.
- Has three siblings, with her youngest brother, Myles, being a sophomore on the Purdue basketball team.
- Nickname is Rae.
- Track and field was her main sport growing up.
- Favorite foods include steak, cheeseburgers, hibachi, and sushi.
- Enjoys bedazzling, playing strategic games, and watching television.
- Favorite TV shows are Insecure and Atlanta.

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MARIN GROTE

Middle Blocker
6-4 | 3rd Pro Season
Burbank, California

Professional Experience

- Played all 26 matches (25 starts) and featured in every set except the first frame of the year for the Grand Rapids Rise in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording a team-high 69 blocks and 17 aces to go with 153 kills (.292), 62 digs, and seven assists.
- Set a Rise franchise record with seven blocks in a 3-2 loss against the Atlanta Vibe on Feb. 18, 2024.
- Played one season in the Athletes Unlimited Pro League in 2023, scoring 1,426 points (38th best in the league).
- Made pro debut with Sigortashop in Turkey during the 2022-23 campaign.

College Experience

- Competed for the University of Washington from 2018-22, finishing fourth in school history with a .380 career attack percentage.
- All-Pac-12 and AVCA All-Region member in 2022
- Two-time Pac-12 champion in 2020 and 2021
- Career-best season in 2021 and was named to the AVCA All-American Second Team, AVCA All-Region Team and All-Pac-12 Team
- In 2021, averaged career highs with 2.13 kills per set and 1.05 blocks per set.
- 2020 AVCA All-Region Team member and All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention
- Reached the 2020 NCAA Final Four and ranked fifth in the Pac-12 with a .331 attack percentage.

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	106-26	153	1.44	34	408	.292	17	7	62	69	239

MARIN GROTE

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	United States
2023	Athletes Unlimited Pro League	United States
2022-23	Sigortashop	Turkey

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2022	Washington	116-31	297	2.56	52	598	.410	0	5	15	93
2021	Washington	117-31	249	2.13	50	480	.415	0	5	21	123
2020-21	Washington	84-24	115	1.37	30	257	.331	0	4	14	86
2019	Washington	27-18	20	0.74	5	47	.319	0	0	2	16
2018	Washington	34-15	37	1.09	17	103	.194	2	1	2	24
TOTAL	**5 Seasons**	378-119	718	1.90	154	1485	.380	2	15	54	342

High School / Club Experience

- Ranked No. 20 in the PrepVolleyball.com Senior Aces list.
- Named to Volleyball Magazine Fab 50, annual list of top seniors nationally.
- Three-time Pacific League MVP (2015-17), and All-CIF First Team and First Team All-SoCal (2016)
- Pacific League First Team all four years (2014-18)
- Played club six years for San Gabriel Elite and coaches Vanessa Williams, Otto Lacayo, Ben Diaz, and Brian Thornton.
- Took 5th at the 2018 Junior Nationals and 3rd in 2017 and 2nd in 2015, earning All-Tournament and All-America honors.

Personal Information

- Born in Flagstaff, Arizona.
- Younger sister Lydia plays volleyball for the University of Minnesota.
- Married Jacob Medjo on June 22, 2024.
- Earned college degrees in Biological Anthropology: Human Evolution and Political Science.
- Can play the flute, piccolo and piano.
- Favorite food is pasta.
- Favorite books include Where the Crawdads Sing, Arc of the Scythe series and Jane Eyre.

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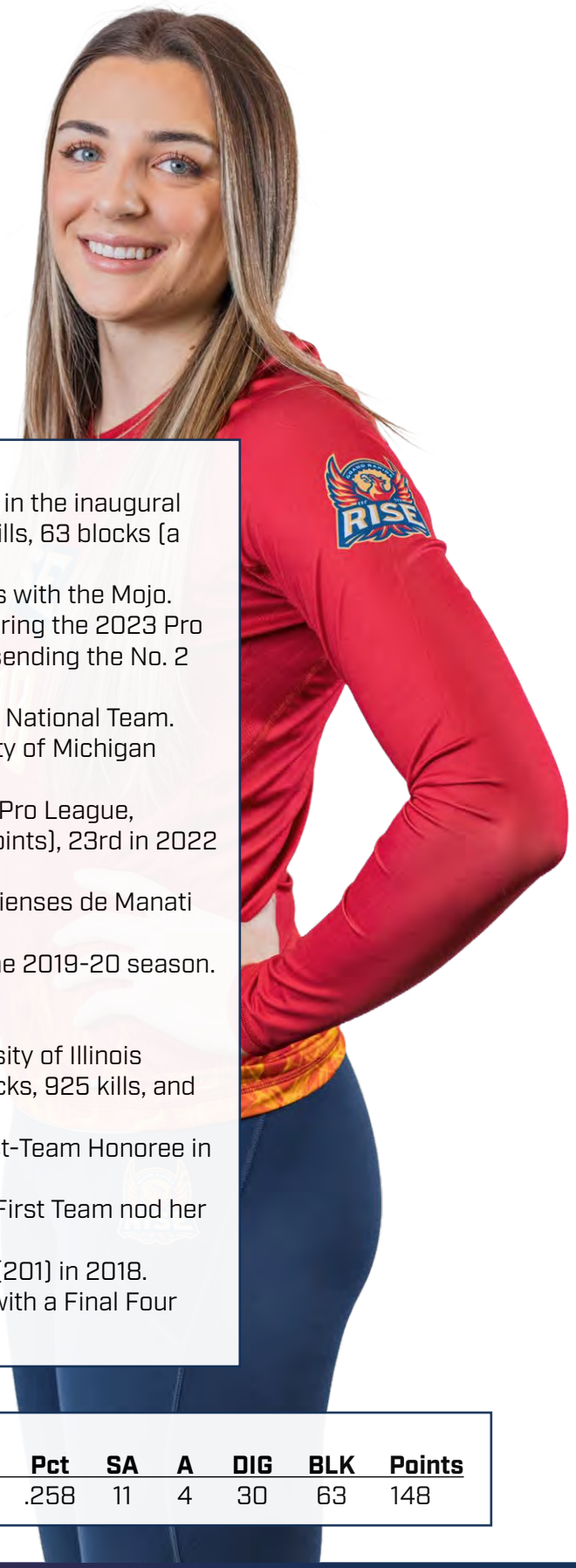
ALI BASTIANELLI

Middle Blocker
6-3 | 6th Pro Season
Marysville, Michigan



Professional Experience

- Played in 19 matches (62 sets) for the San Diego Mojo in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording 74 kills, 63 blocks (a League-best 1.02 blocks per set), and 11 aces.
- Reached the 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation semifinals with the Mojo.
- Traded from the Atlanta Vibe to the San Diego Mojo during the 2023 Pro Volleyball Federation draft along with Kendra Dahlke, sending the No. 2 overall pick Magdalena Jehlářová to the Vibe.
- 2022 Pan-American Cup Final Six finalist with the U.S. National Team.
- Was a volunteer assistant coach for the 2021 University of Michigan women's volleyball team.
- Competed for three seasons in the Athletes Unlimited Pro League, finishing 24th in the player rankings in 2023 (2,008 points), 23rd in 2022 (2,045), and 36th in 2021 (1,291).
- Pair of bronze medal seasons in Puerto Rico with Atenienses de Manati (2021-22) and Changas de Naranjito (2020-21).
- Made pro debut with Béziers Volley in France during the 2019-20 season.

College Experience

- Three-time AVCA All-American selection at the University of Illinois (2015-18), finishing with a school-record 750 total blocks, 925 kills, and 46 aces in 135 matches played (488 sets).
- Named a Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Finalist and First-Team Honoree in her senior season (2018).
- Made All-Big Ten honors three times (2016-18) with a First Team nod her senior season.
- Led the NCAA in blocks per set (1.79) and total blocks (201) in 2018.
- Finished with an 8-3 record in the NCAA Tournament with a Final Four appearance in 2018.

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	San Diego Mojo	62-19	74	1.19	26	186	.258	11	4	30	63	148

ALI BASTIANELLI

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024	San Diego Mojo	United States
2024	Atlanta Vibe	United States
2023	Athletes Unlimited Pro League	United States
2022	Athletes Unlimited Pro League	United States
2021-22	Atenienses de Manati	Puerto Rico
2021	Athletes Unlimited Pro League	United States
2020-21	Changas de Naranjito	Puerto Rico
2019-20	Béziers Volley	France

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2018	Illinois	132-36	298	2.26	86	603	.352	18	4	28	183
2017	Illinois	124-34	300	2.42	68	613	.378	11	4	40	199
2016	Illinois	112-31	197	1.76	54	439	.326	17	2	30	201
2015	Illinois	120-34	130	1.08	56	322	.230	0	3	16	167
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	488-135	925	1.90	264	1977	.334	46	13	114	750

High School / Club Experience

- 2014 Michigan Class B All-State First Team, Second Team in 2013 and 2012 while attending Marysville High School.
- 2014 Under Armour First Team All-American
- Was No. 10 recruit in the nation according to PrepVolleyball.com's "Senior Aces" list.
- Four-year member of the Legacy Volleyball Club in eastern Michigan.
- Led Legacy to a first-place finish at AAU Nationals in 2013 and the gold medal at the 2014 NJC's in Chicago.
- 2014 NJC Most Valuable Player
- 2012 AAU All-American

Personal Information

- Daughter of Joan and Gregory Bastianelli.
- Mother, Joan, played volleyball and basketball at Northwood University (1985-89).
- Father, Gregory, played football at Northwood (1987-88)
- Has two siblings, older sister Samantha and younger brother Nino.
- Sister, Samantha, played volleyball at Oakland CC (2012-13).
- Both her siblings and Bastianelli have black belts in Tang Soo Do karate.
- Cousin, Kimberly Theut, played ice hockey at Ohio State (2008-13).
- Enjoys boating, reading, and watching movies.
- Favorite book is "The Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom.

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AUGUST RASKIE

Setter
6-0 | 6th Pro Season
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Professional Experience

- Played in 20 matches for the San Diego Mojo in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording 145 assists, 51 digs, 13 kills, four blocks, and three aces.
- Reached the 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation semifinals with the Mojo.
- Two French Cup semifinal appearances with Pays d'Aix Venelles (2022-23) and Béziers Volley (2020-21).
- French Ligue A finalist and CEV Cup semifinals with Béziers Volley in 2020-21.
- Played two seasons in Italy with Delta Despar Trentino (2021-22) and Bartoccini Fortinfissi Perugia (2019-20), making her pro debut with Bartoccini Fortinfissi Perugia.

College Experience

- Competed for the University of Oregon from 2015-18, finishing with 2,929 assists (7.23 per set), 775 digs, 159 kills on a .293 hitting percentage, and 56 aces.
- 2018 AVCA All-American Third after racking up the fourth-most assists (1,486) in a single season at Oregon.
- One of only four Ducks ever to have multiple triple-doubles, which includes one in a NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen win over Minnesota (60 assists, 11 digs, 10 kills) and another in her home state against Colorado (41 assists, 11 digs, 10 kills).
- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention (2018)
- USA Volleyball Collegiate National Team (2018)

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	San Diego Mojo	38-20	13	0.34	5	28	.286	3	145	51	4	20

AUGUST RASKIE

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024	San Diego Mojo	United States
2022-23	Pays d'Aix Venelles	France
2021-22	Delta Despar Trentino	Italy
2020-21	Béziers Volley	France
2019-20	Bartoccini Fortinfissi Perugia	Italy

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2018	Oregon	126-34	148	1.17	40	322	.335	19	1486	307	65
2017	Oregon	112-30	6	0.05	2	24	.167	13	567	195	1
2016	Oregon	115-31	1	0.01	3	13	-.154	19	616	211	2
2015	Oregon	52-19	4	0.08	3	20	.050	5	260	62	4
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	405-114	159	0.39	48	379	.293	56	2929	775	72

High School / Club Experience

- Ranked No. 42 on the 2014 “Senior Aces” list by Prepvolleyball.com.
- Two-time Centennial League First Team and Colorado Coaches Girls Sports All-State selection while attending Rampart High School.
- Under Armour All-American Honorable Mention
- Played three sports all four years of high school: volleyball, basketball, and track.

Personal Information

- Unofficial middle name and nickname is Danger.
- Biggest influence on her volleyball career was Oregon head coach Matt Ulmer, who saw the game differently than she had ever been taught and understood how he explained things.
- Started playing volleyball at 13 years old, went to a volleyball camp and picked the setter’s line because it was the shortest line.
- Has a cat named Trout.
- She is an artist and enjoys reading, writing, hiking, playing beach volleyball, drinking tea, and dancing during her free time.
- Favorite author is Leigh Bardugo.

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PAIGE BRIGGS-ROMINE

Outside Hitter
5-10 | 2nd Pro Season
Ortonville, Michigan

Professional Experience

- Played 25 matches (66 sets) for the Omaha Supernovas in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording 86 kills on a .222 hitting percentage, 107 digs, 10 aces, and five blocks.
- 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation champion in rookie season.
- Was selected No. 5 overall by the Orlando Valkyries in the first round of the inaugural 2023 Pro Volleyball Federation draft. Traded to Omaha on draft day along with the No. 24 overall pick, Orlando received Jill Gillen and Abby Hansen.

College Experience

- Competed for five seasons at Western Kentucky from 2019-23, totaling 1,838 kills (3.54 kills per set) on a .307 hitting percentage, 1,419 digs (2.73), 211 blocks (0.4), 181 aces, and 161 assists in 156 matches played (519 sets).
- Three-time AVCA All-American, Third Team in 2023
- Five-time Conference USA First Team All-Conference
- 2023 Conference USA Alyssa Cavanaugh Player of the Year

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	Omaha Supernovas	66-25	86	1.30	31	248	.222	10	2	107	5	101

PAIGE BRIGGS-ROMINE

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024	Athletes Unlimited Pro League	United States
2024	Omaha Supernovas	United States

COLLEGE STATS

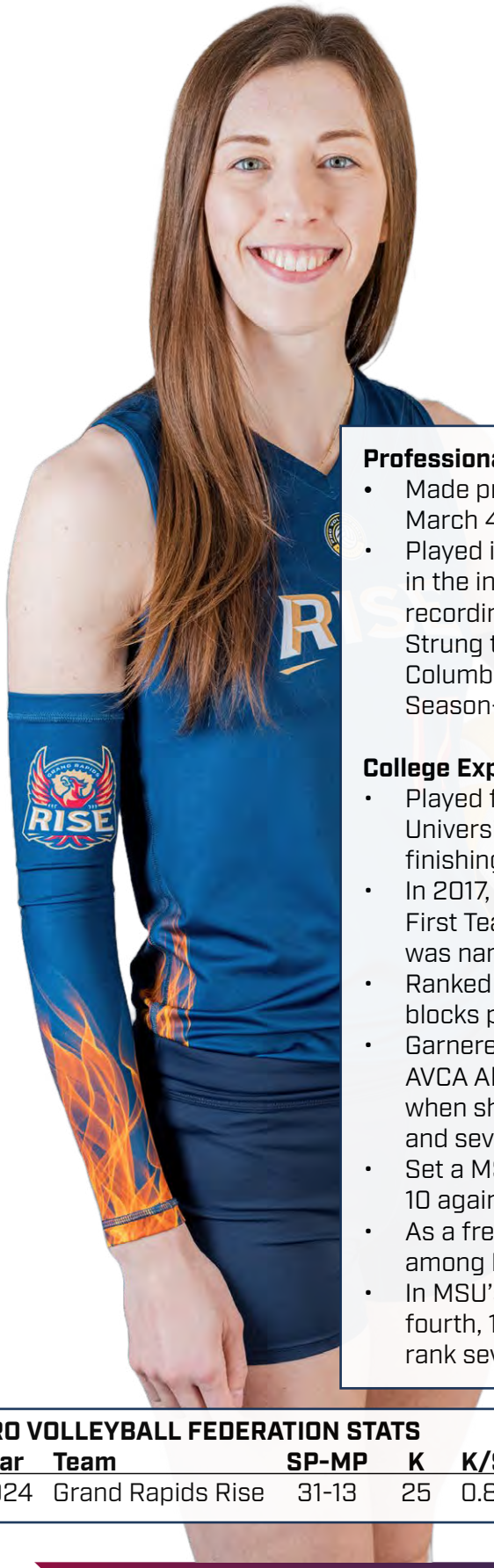
Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2023	Western Kentucky	115-35	457	3.97	108	1060	.329	58	40	275	45
2022	Western Kentucky	111-33	416	3.75	98	980	.324	43	38	267	58
2021	Western Kentucky	97-30	290	2.99	90	747	.268	32	32	267	34
2020-21	Western Kentucky	78-24	287	3.68	64	677	.329	21	22	266	34
2019	Western Kentucky	118-34	388	3.29	110	990	.281	27	29	344	40
TOTAL	**5 Seasons**	519-156	1838	3.54	470	4454	.307	181	161	1419	211

High School / Club Experience

- Divided prep career at Oxford and Lake Orion High School.
- Led Lake Orion to Class A State Championships as a senior.
- 2018 Miss Michigan Volleyball finalist
- First Team All-State (2018), Second Team All-State (2017, 2016)
- 2018 Under Armor All-American honorable mention
- Played for Legacy Volleyball Club.

Personal Information

- Married Connor Romine on June 15, 2024, in Rockford, Michigan.
- Daughter of Pete and Pam Briggs.
- Has one older brother, Peter.
- Majored in visual studies while minoring in graphic design and entrepreneurship.
- Her volleyball idol as a youth was Misty May-Treanor.
- Was homeschooled for seven and a half years before going to Western Kentucky.
- Enjoys playing with parent's dog, Moe, cooking, pickleball, and The Office.



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ALYSSA JENSEN

Middle Blocker
6-4 | 2nd Pro Season
Holland, Michigan

Professional Experience

- Made professional debut with the Grand Rapids Rise on March 4, 2024, at the San Diego Mojo.
- Played in 13 matches (eight starts) and 31 sets for the Rise in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording 25 kills (.149), 19 blocks, 11 digs, and three aces. Strung together three straight matches with four blocks at Columbus (3/20), at Vegas (3/26), and at Omaha (3/28). Season-high 10 points and six kills at Vegas (3/26).

College Experience

- Played four years of college volleyball at Michigan State University under Rise head coach Cathy George from 2014-17, finishing career with 1,002 kills and 521 blocks.
- In 2017, was named to the AVCA Second Team All-America, First Team AVCA All-North Region, First Team All-Big Ten, and was named MVP for the Spartans.
- Ranked fourth in the Big Ten and 25th nationally with 1.35 blocks per set during the 2017 campaign.
- Garnered spots on the 2016 AVCA All-American Second Team, AVCA All-North Region Team and the First Team All-Big Ten when she placed second in the Big Ten in blocks per set (1.30) and seventh in the conference for hitting percentage (.359).
- Set a MSU record for block assists in a three-set match with 10 against Illinois on Nov. 5, 2016.
- As a freshman in 2014, 1.06 blocks per set ranked second among Big Ten freshmen.
- In MSU's freshman record book, her 110 block assists rank fourth, 122 total blocks place fifth, and 1.06 blocks per set rank seventh.

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	31-13	25	0.81	15	67	.149	3	0	11	19	47

ALYSSA JENSEN

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	United States

COLLEGE STATS

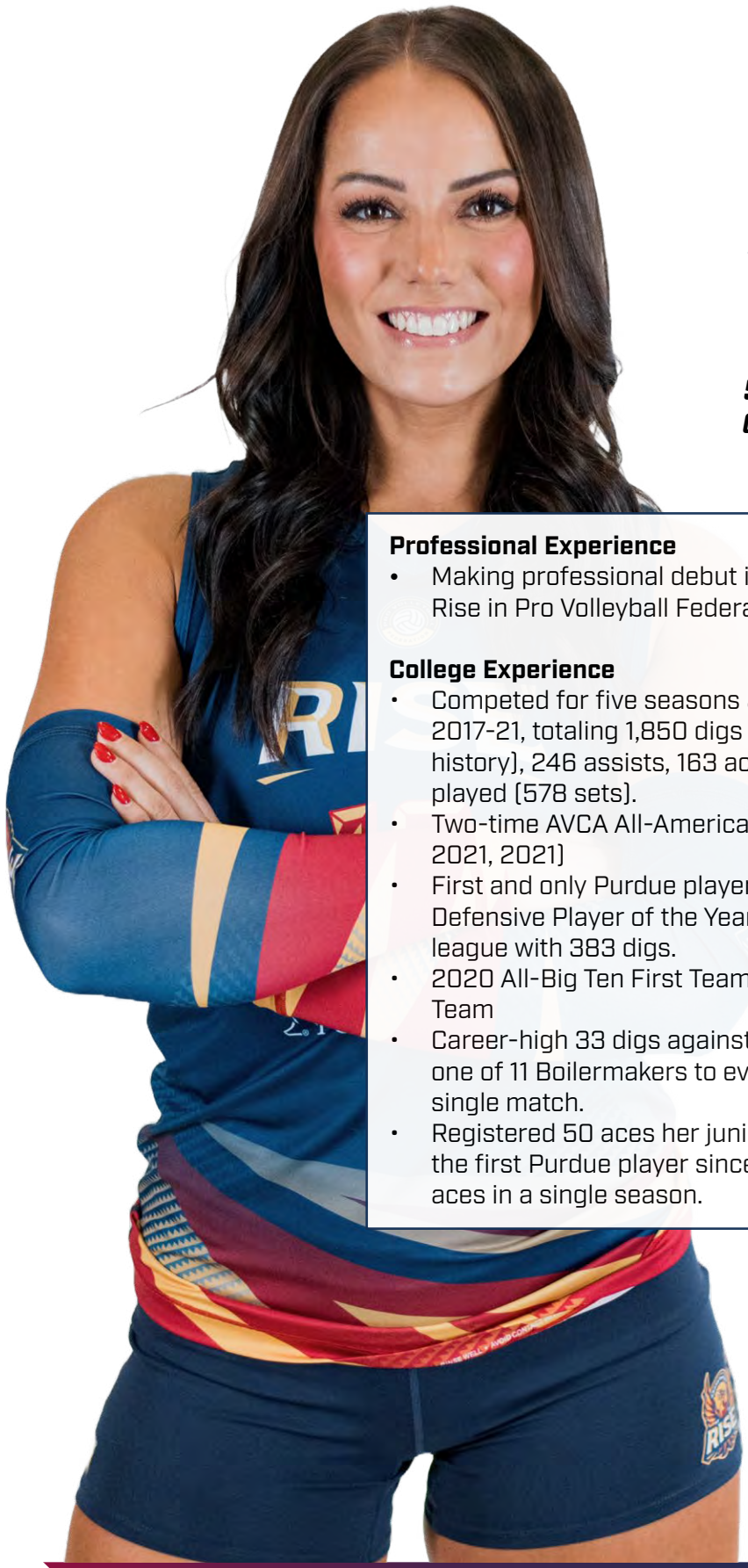
Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2017	Michigan State	96-28	240	2.50	67	465	.372	0	2	28	120
2016	Michigan State	108-32	258	2.39	72	520	.358	1	5	16	155
2015	Michigan State	119-33	263	2.21	111	564	.270	6	4	32	124
2014	Michigan State	115-33	241	2.10	113	583	.220	2	6	30	122
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	438-126	1002	2.29	363	2132	.300	9	17	106	521

High School / Club Experience

- Michigan Miss Volleyball Finalist as a high school senior.
- Two-time Holland Sentinel Volleyball Player of the Year
- Collected All-State honors in junior and senior years of high school at Holland Christian.
- All-Conference and All-Region all four years
- Conference champion all four seasons
- Rated No. 26 among 2014 PrepVolleyball.com Senior Aces.
- Competed for Michigan Volleyball Academy and coach Mayme Vlietstra.
- Helped club team reach US Junior Nationals in 2013 and 2014.

Personal Information

- Her maiden name is Garvelink.
- Has two brothers, Matt and Josh.
- Parents attended every collegiate volleyball match aside from one, when they got a flat tire on the way to the gym.
- Married Aaron Jensen in 2020.
- Has a daughter, Ella.
- Majored in communications.
- Favorite vacation spot is Alaska or Hawaii.
- Also played basketball and soccer growing up.
- Enjoys reading, outdoor walks, and hanging out with family.
- Favorite author is Taylor Jenkins Reid.



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JENA OTEC

Libero
5-10 | 1st Pro Season
Crystal City, Missouri

Professional Experience

- Making professional debut in 2025 with the Grand Rapids Rise in Pro Volleyball Federation.

College Experience

- Competed for five seasons at Purdue University from 2017-21, totaling 1,850 digs (second-most in the school's history), 246 assists, 163 aces, and 15 kills in 154 matches played (578 sets).
- Two-time AVCA All-America Honorable Mention (Spring 2021, 2021)
- First and only Purdue player to be named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year (2020) after leading the league with 383 digs.
- 2020 All-Big Ten First Team, 2021 All-Big Ten Second Team
- Career-high 33 digs against Michigan on Nov. 19, 2021 — one of 11 Boilermakers to ever surpass 30-plus digs in a single match.
- Registered 50 aces her junior season in 2019 to become the first Purdue player since 1993 to record 50 or more aces in a single season.

JENA OTEC

Non-Draft Eligible Free Agent
Signed by Grand Rapids Rise

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2021	Purdue	126-33	2	0.02	2	23	.000	26	71	578	0
2020-21	Purdue	84-23	1	0.01	0	13	.077	22	85	383	0
2019	Purdue	122-32	2	0.02	4	19	-.105	50	53	424	0
2018	Purdue	130-33	8	0.06	10	45	-.044	32	23	277	0
2017	Purdue	116-33	2	0.02	1	15	.067	33	15	188	1
TOTAL	**5 Seasons**	578-154	15	0.03	17	114	-.018	163	246	1850	1

High School / Club Experience

- Attended St. Pius X High School in Festus, Missouri.
- AVCA/Under Armour All-America Honorable Mention (2016)
- PrepVolleyball.com's No. 79 Senior Ace (2016)
- Four-time First Team All-State (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- PrepVolleyball.com's sophomore 79 (2014)
- PrepVolleyball.com Sophomore of the Year finalist (2014)
- MaxPreps.com Freshman Volleyball All-American (2013)

Personal Information

- Assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Western Kentucky women's volleyball team (2023-24).
- Assistant coach at Eastern Michigan in 2022.
- Spent five years with The Academy Boiler Juniors, a Lafayette, Indiana-based organization that offers club teams, camps, clinics, lessons, tournaments, and more for youth volleyball players.
- Has four siblings, who all played sports collegiately: Alex played basketball at Fontbonne, Kyle played soccer at Columbia, Chad played soccer at Missouri Baptist, and Caly played volleyball at Missouri State.
- Started playing volleyball as a middle blocker and setter, transitioned to outside hitter at age 14 before becoming a defensive specialist/libero in college.

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NAYA SHIME

Opposite Hitter
6-0 | 1st Pro Season
Casper, Wyoming

Professional Experience
- Making professional debut in 2025 with the Grand Rapids Rise in Pro Volleyball Federation.

College Experience
- Played five collegiate seasons, two at Southern Methodist University (2023–2024) and three at University of Wyoming (Spring 2021–2022), playing in a total of 160 matches (395 sets). Recorded 1,207 kills, 476 digs, 242 blocks, and 63 aces.
- First SMU player to earn AVCA All-American honors, being named to the Third Team in 2024.
- All-ACC First Team (2024)
- Led SMU with double-digit kills in 25 of the Mustangs' 33 matches in 2024.
- Registered 300 kills, 215 digs, 84 blocks, and 15 service aces as a senior in 2023.
- As a junior at Wyoming, averaged a team-high 3.30 points per set.

NAYA SHIME

Drafted by Grand Rapids Rise
in 2024 PVF College Draft
2nd Round, 13th Overall

COLLEGE STATS

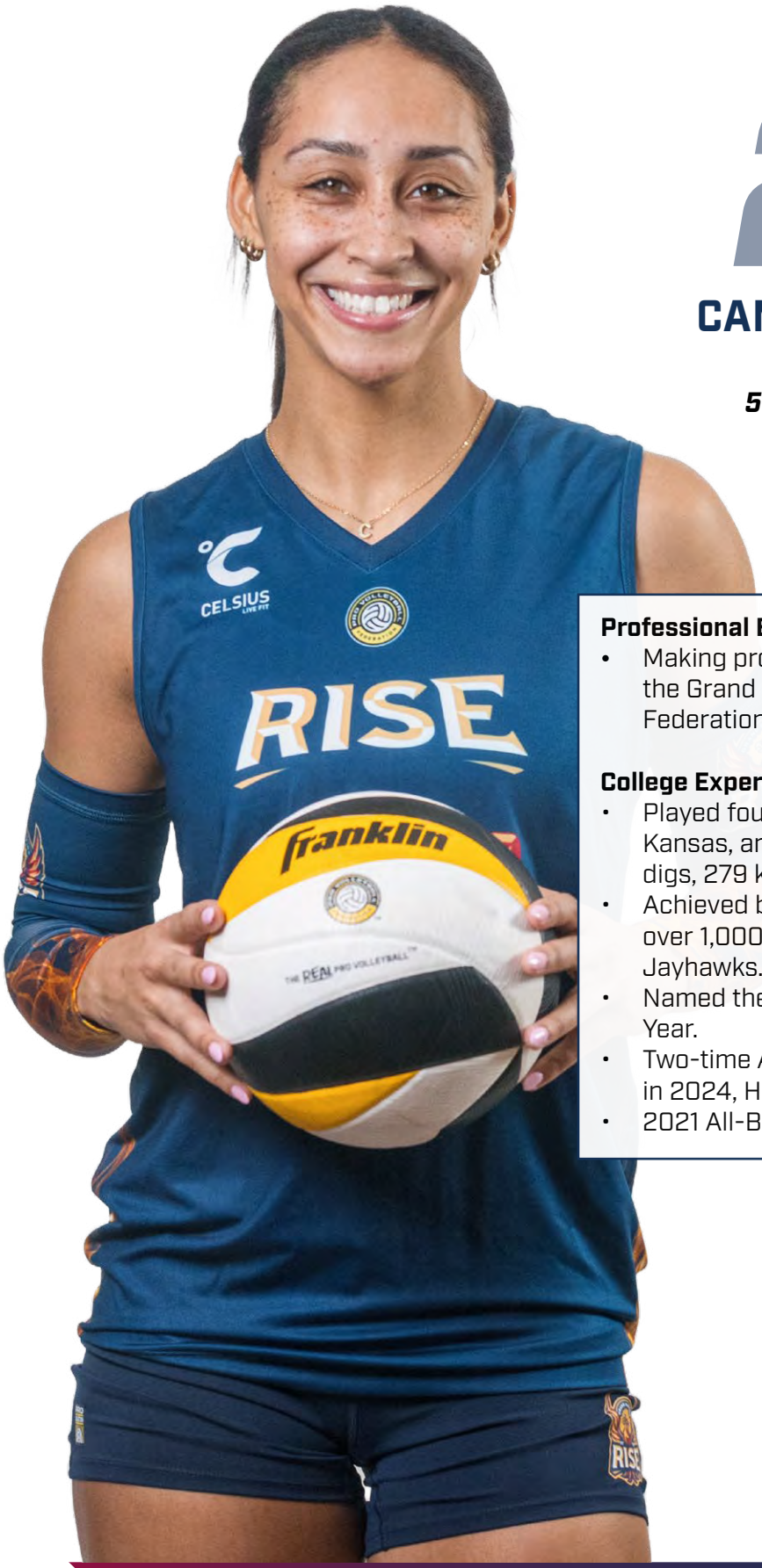
Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2024	Southern Methodist	115-32	396	3.44	145	887	.283	14	19	198	117
2023	Southern Methodist	61-18	184	3.02	74	452	.243	12	9	141	35
2022	Wyoming	89-23	270	3.03	133	735	.186	6	4	80	32
2021	Wyoming	96-28	287	2.99	136	695	.217	3	3	57	37
2020-21	Wyoming	34-10	70	2.06	27	177	.243	0	0	12	21
TOTAL	**5 Seasons**	395-111	1207	3.06	515	2946	.235	35	35	488	242

High School / Club Experience

- Three-time All-State and All-Conference selection (2017-19)
- Helped lead Riverton to a regional championship in 2017 and 2019, and a fourth place finish at the state tournament her senior season.
- Recorded 1,899 kills and 1,435 digs during her high school career.
- In addition to her volleyball accolades, Shime was also a decorated track athlete, setting the 3A state record in the long jump in 2018 with a leap of 18-8.75.

Personal Information

- Daughter of Will Shime and Annie Bryce.
- Has four siblings.
- Started playing volleyball at 9 years old as a middle blocker.
- Pre-match ritual is listening to music.
- Favorite music artists include SZA, Noah Kahan, and Drake.
- Enjoys watching movies and hanging out with friends.
- Favorite movie is Barbie.



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CAMRYN TURNER

Setter
5-8 | 1st Pro Season
Topeka, Kansas

Professional Experience

- Making professional debut in 2025 with the Grand Rapids Rise in Pro Volleyball Federation.

College Experience

- Played four seasons at the University of Kansas, amassing 3,758 assists, 1,067 digs, 279 kills, 185 blocks, and 67 aces.
- Achieved back-to-back seasons with over 1,000 assists for the Kansas Jayhawks.
- Named the 2023 Big 12 Setter of the Year.
- Two-time AVCA All-American (Third Team in 2024, Honorable Mention in 2023)
- 2021 All-Big 12 Rookie Team

CAMRYN TURNER

Drafted by Grand Rapids Rise
in 2024 PVF College Draft
3rd Round, 22nd Overall

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2024	Kansas	108-30	74	0.69	11	202	.312	14	1219	314	66
2023	Kansas	104-28	79	0.76	27	262	.198	22	1111	311	50
2022	Kansas	108-29	98	0.91	19	240	.329	23	991	273	64
2021	Kansas	92-27	39	0.42	13	112	.232	10	602	217	16
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	412-114	290	0.70	70	816	.270	69	3923	1115	196

High School / Club Experience

- Attended Seaman High School in Topeka, Kansas, excelling in both volleyball and basketball.
- Played club volleyball for Shazam/KC Power.
- Left Seaman High School as the all-time leader in kills (1,316) and assists (1,433), while also recording 1,065 digs and a 2.49 serve-receive percentage.
- Member of the 2019 and 2020 Class 5A Substate Champions (basketball) and 2020 Class 5A Substate Champions (volleyball).

Personal Information

- Born in Littleton, Colorado, but has lived in Topeka, Kansas, her entire life.
- Has a boxer mix dog named Tyson.
- One brother, Jaylen, who is currently a Kansas State women's basketball practice player.
- Favorite music artists include SZA, Drake, and Daniel Caesar.
- Favorite food is potatoes (in any form).
- Enjoys being with friends, playing cards, going on drives, or getting dinner.

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SYMONE ABBOTT

Outside Hitter
6-1 | 8th Pro Season
Northville, Michigan

Professional Experience

- Played in 18 matches (12 starts) and 56 sets for the Grand Rapids Rise in the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, recording 131 kills (.170), 126 digs, 11 blocks, seven assists, and five aces. Notched two double-doubles in back-to-back matches against Omaha (2/12) and Atlanta (2/18). Season-high 17 kills at San Diego (2/23).
- Finished in second place in the Greek Cup and won the Nomikeia tournament in 2021-22 with AO Thiras.
- Collected a bronze medal at the 2020-21 Pan-American Cup.
- In 2018-19, named Best Outside Hitter in the French Cup en route to winning the French Cup with Saint-Raphael Var.
- Made pro debut in 2017 with Liu Jo Nordmeccania Modena in Italy.

College Experience

- Competed at Northwestern University from 2014-17, totaling 1,613 kills, and a hitting percentage of .210.
- As a senior in 2017, paced the Big Ten with 10.72 attacks per set, ranked third with four kills per set and fourth with 4.49 points per set.
- Named a 2017 AVCA All-American Honorable Mention, AVCA All-Region First Team, and a First-Team All-Big Ten member.
- As a junior in 2016, 11.96 attacks per set ranked 13th nationally and 4.10 kills per set placed fourth in the Big Ten, 41st nationally, and were the sixth-best mark in school history.
- In 2016, 459 kills ranked third in Northwestern history and 1,339 total attacks were the second-most ever by a Wildcat junior (trailing only Stephania Holthus' mark of 1,350).
- Ranked second among Big Ten freshmen with 3.19 kills per set in 2014 and placed third among conference freshmen with 3.37 points per set.

PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STATS

Year	Team	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK	Points
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	56-18	131	2.34	63	400	.170	5	7	126	11	147

SYMONE ABBOTT

PAST PRO TEAMS

Year	Team	Country
2024-25	Aris Thessaloniki	Greece
2024	Grand Rapids Rise	United States
2023	Athletes Unlimited Pro League	United States
2022-23	CBF Balducci HR Macerata	Italy
2021-22	AO Thiras	Greece
2021-22	Grises de Humacao	Puerto Rico
2021	Athletes Unlimited Pro League	United States
2020-21	Karayollari Spor Kulubu	Turkey
2019-20	Karayollari Spor Kulubu	Turkey
2018-19	Saint-Raphael Var	France
2017-18	Liu Jo Nordmeccanica Modena	Italy

COLLEGE STATS

Year	School	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	SA	A	DIG	BLK
2017	Northwestern	100-30	400	4.00	134	1073	.248	22	21	178	45
2016	Northwestern	112-32	459	4.10	197	1339	.196	22	16	189	34
2015	Northwestern	107-31	387	3.62	181	1015	.203	3	3	58	36
2014	Northwestern	116-31	367	3.16	177	974	.195	0	1	47	34
TOTAL	**4 Seasons**	435-124	1613	3.71	689	4401	.210	47	41	472	149

High School / Club Experience

- Four-year letterwinner at Northville High School.
- Team captain
- Helped the Mustangs secure back-to-back district championships in 2012 and 2013.
- Northville's all-time leader in kills.
- Helped the team reach the semifinals of the state tournament in 2012.
- 2012 All-State selection
- Two-time All-Region honoree
- Ranked by the Detroit News as one of the top 10 players in Michigan in 2013.
- Northville's all-time leader in kills.
- Played club with Premier Volleyball Academy.

Personal Information

- Has one younger brother, Anthony "A.J.", who played football at Wisconsin and Western Michigan.
- Has one younger sister, Chloe, who ran track at Purdue and Kentucky and now runs professional for On Running.
- Has one older sister, Alexa, who graduated from Ross School of Business at Michigan.
- Majored in communication studies
- Favorite foods include ramen, pickles, mangos, and progresso soup.
- Enjoys the arts, theater, and musicals.

2024 SEASON IN REVIEW

2024 SCHEDULE

Date		Opponent	Result
1.25		Columbus	**W, 3-0**
2.09	at	Atlanta	**W, 3-1**
2.12		Omaha	**L, 1-3**
2.18		Atlanta	**W, 3-2**
2.23	at	San Diego	**L, 1-3**
3.01	at	Orlando	**L, 1-3**
3.04	at	San Diego	**L, 2-3**
3.09		Columbus	**W, 3-1**
3.17		Vegas	**L, 2-3**
3.20	at	Columbus	**W, 3-1**
3.26	at	Vegas	**W, 3-1**
3.28	at	Omaha	**L, 1-3**
4.01		Atlanta	**L, 1-3**
4.06		Orlando	**L, 2-3**
4.11	at	Orlando	**W, 3-0**
4.13		Vegas	**W, 3-2**
4.16	at	Atlanta	**L, 1-3**
4.18		Orlando	**W, 3-1**
4.20	at	Vegas	**W, 3-1**
4.26	at	Omaha	**L, 2-3**
4.28	at	Columbus	**L, 0-3**
5.04		San Diego	**L, 1-3**
5.05		San Diego	**W, 3-0**
5.12		Omaha	**W, 3-2**
5.15	SF	Atlanta	**W, 3-2**
5.18	F	Omaha	**L, 0-3**

OVERVIEW

Regular Season – 4th of 7 in League
Overall: 12-12 | Home: 7-5 | Road: 5-7

Postseason – Lost in Championship Match
Semifinals – Defeated #1 Atlanta, 3-2
Championship – Lost to #2 Omaha, 3-0

COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach & VP of Volleyball Operations – Cathy George
Associate Head Coach – Bill Walton
Assistant Coach – Denis Dimitrov
Director of VB Operations – MacKenzi Welsh-Vazquez
Head Athletic Trainer – Dave Getsoff
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach – Daimond Dixon
Data Analyst – Brady Compton
Director of Performance Science – Harjiv Singh

REGULAR-SEASON TEAM RANKS

Points – 1st (1,686)
Kills – 1st (1,378)
Hitting % – 2nd (.223)
Opp. Hitting % – 4th (.226)
Assists – 1st (1,272)
Aces – 4th (77)
Digs – 4th (1,633)
Blocks – 6th (231)

SET-BY-SET BREAKDOWN

Set #1: 19-7 (626-570)
Set #2: 13-13 (583-605)
Set #3: 9-17 (605-615)
Set #4: 10-11 (491-496)
Set #5: 4-4 (97-98)
All Sets: 55-52 (2,402-2,384)
Sets Decided by 2pts: 11-20
Sets Decided by 5+pts: 27-21

REGULAR SEASON & POSTSEASON STATS

#	Name	MP	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	SA	A	DIG	BLK	PTS
4	Morgahn Fingall	13	25	48	19	142	.204	1	2	34	5	54
5	Erika Pritchard	13	38	89	38	261	.195	2	2	75	10	101
8	Marin Grote	26	106	153	34	408	.292	17	7	62	69	239
9	Claire Chaussee	26	104	429	164	1208	.219	14	14	274	20	463
10	Shannon Scully	25	78	57	24	204	.162	5	2	108	2	64
12	Sarah Sponcil	21	76	0	0	0	--	0	31	240	0	0
13	Ashley Evans	26	99	35	21	128	.109	14	1074	259	28	77
14	Emiliya Dimitrova	24	95	402	150	1056	.239	12	21	275	30	444
15	Mac Podraza	19	33	7	0	15	.467	0	161	49	11	18
17	Alyssa Jensen	13	31	25	15	67	.149	3	0	11	19	47
27	Symone Abbott	18	56	131	63	400	.170	5	7	126	11	147
28	Kayla Caffey	19	65	81	23	198	.293	4	4	39	37	122
31	Camila Gómez	21	71	0	0	0	--	0	38	187	0	0
34	Molly Lohman	6	13	7	2	21	.238	1	4	6	2	10
1	Sydney Bolding	1	2	1	1	2	.000	0	0	1	0	1
7	Nia Grant	6	12	21	8	44	.295	0	0	6	1	22
	TEAM TOTALS			**1486**	**562**	**4154**	**.223**	**78**	**1367**	**1752**	**245**	**1809**

Note: Players below line didn't finish season with team.

OPENING MATCH ROSTER

14 Dimitrova	**28 Caffey**	**9 Chaussee**
OPP	MB	OH
27 Abbott	**7 Grant**	**13 Evans**
OH	MB	S
12 Sponcil	**On Bench**	
L	4 Fingall	5 Pritchard
	8 Grote	10 Scully
Practice Squad	15 Podraza	17 Jensen
1 Bolding, 11 Sauer	31 Gómez	

SEASON FINALE ROSTER

14 Dimitrova	**8 Grote**	**9 Chaussee**
OPP	MB	OH
5 Pritchard	**28 Caffey**	**13 Evans**
OH	MB	S
31 Gómez	**On Bench**	
L	4 Fingall	10 Scully
	12 Sponcil	15 Podraza
Practice Squad	17 Jensen	27 Abbott
Empty	34 Lohman	

FROM THE ASHES...

Dec. 5, 2022: DP Fox Sports & Entertainment announces the launch of West Michigan's newest sports franchise, a women's professional volleyball team that will begin play at Van Andel Arena in January 2024 as a member of the newly formed Pro Volleyball Federation.

March 13, 2023: West Michigan Pro Volleyball introduces **Cathy George** as the team's head coach and director of volleyball operations.

April 14, 2023: DP Fox Sports & Entertainment announces the name of West Michigan Pro Volleyball as the Grand Rapids Rise.

June 1, 2023: The Rise sign their first three players in franchise history with **Claire Chaussee**, **Emiliya Dimitrova** and **Alyssa Jensen** joining for the inaugural season.

June 5, 2023: The Rise sign **Camila Gómez**, **Marin Grote**, and **Holly Toliver** to contracts for the first season.

June 7, 2023: Rise sign former AVCA All-Americans **Symone Abbott** and **Kayla Caffey**.

June 9, 2023: The Rise ink former Big Ten Conference standouts **Erika Pritchard** and **MacKenzi Welsh-Vazquez**.

June 20, 2023: The Rise sign former USC Trojan **Shannon Scully** and current Team USA member **Ashley Evans**.

July 27, 2023: The Rise announce the hiring of **Bill Walton** as associate head coach.

Aug. 28, 2023: The Grand Rapids Rise sign two-time NCAA national champion **Nia Grant**.

Sept. 6, 2023: The Grand Rapids Rise hire **Denis Dimitrov** as an assistant coach.

Sept. 18, 2023: The Rise announce the signing of setter/libero and U.S. Olympian **Sarah Sponcil**.

Sept. 26, 2023: Setter **Welsh-Vazquez** becomes the team's director of volleyball operations, assuming the role from head coach **George**, who becomes VP of volleyball operations.

Nov. 22, 2023: The Rise announce the signing of experienced 10-year professional setter **Taylor Bruns**.

Nov. 28, 2023: Single-match tickets for the Rise's inaugural 2024 season go on sale to the general public.

Dec. 4, 2023: The Rise practice for the first time as a collective team as part of their Rise Mini-Camp.

Dec. 7, 2023: The Rise introduce themselves to the Grand Rapids community by hosting a "Meet the Team" Showcase inside Van Andel Arena.

Dec. 11, 2023: Pro Volleyball Federation holds the first collegiate player draft. The Rise make five selections: **Morgahn Fingall** (First Round, Selection 4), **Sydney Bolding** (Second Round, Selection 11), **Kenna Sauer** (Third Round, Selection 18), **Emma Clothier** (Fourth Round, Selection 25) and **Karly Basham** (Fifth Round, Selection 32).

Dec. 29, 2023: **Fingall**, **Bolding**, **Sauer**, and **Basham** are signed to the roster, along with free agent setter **Mac Podraza**.

Jan. 15, 2024: After holding preseason training camp for two weeks, the Rise waive **Toliver** and **Basham** to trim the roster down to 17 players.

Jan. 18, 2024: The Rise waive setter **Bruns**.

Jan. 23, 2024: The Rise assign practice player spots to **Bolding** and **Sauer** to finalize the 14-player active roster.

Jan. 25, 2024: In front of sellout crowd of 7,805 spectators inside Van Andel Arena, the Rise (1-0) sweep the Columbus Fury 3-0 (25-17, 25-23, 25-19) to win the franchise's inaugural season opener. Rise mascot **Ember**, a phoenix inspired by the team's logo, is unveiled for the first time.

Feb. 9, 2024: The Rise improve to 2-0 with a 3-1 road win over the previously unbeaten Atlanta Vibe. **Abbott** (16), **Dimitrova** (13), and **Chaussee** (12) each finished with double-digit kills.

Feb. 12, 2024: The Rise (2-1) suffer their first loss of the season in a four-set marathon home match that lasted two hours and 43 minutes. The Omaha Supernovas eventually came out of top by set scores of 21-25, 33-31, 30-28, 25-21.

Feb. 13, 2024: The Vegas Thrill claim Rise practice player **Sauer** to their active roster.

Feb. 18, 2024: Grand Rapids (3-1) stuns Atlanta again with a 3-2 home victory by set scores of 25-19, 25-18, 23-25, 23-25, 15-11. **Dimitrova** had a season-high 26 kills and 22 digs, plus two blocks and an ace. **Grote** registered a season-high seven blocks.

Feb. 20, 2024: Opposite hitter **Dimitrova** is named the Week 4 Pro Volleyball Federation Player of the Week after a standout 29-point, 22-dig performance Feb. 18 against the Vibe. In the fifth set, the Rise scored 11 out of their 15 points off kills with **Dimitrova** knocking down seven of them on just eight swings (.875).

Feb. 23, 2024: The Rise couldn't spoil the San Diego Mojo's home opener, as the last-place Mojo (1-4) pulled off a 3-1 upset over the league-leading Rise (3-2) to win their first match in franchise history by set scores of 36-34, 25-27, 25-23, 25-23. The 70 combined

points scored in the opening frame was the most points scored in a single set during the entire 2024 PVF season. Rise libero **Sponcil** had a season-high 26 digs in the match.

March 1, 2024: Despite **Dimitrova** recording a season-high 30 points (26 kills, two aces, two blocks), the Orlando Valkyries prevail in a pair of close sets to win at home, 3-1, by scores of 25-20, 21-25, 32-30, 27-25. The Rise (3-3) bolstered a season-high .298 hitting percentage in the defeat.

March 4, 2024: The Rise (3-4) wrap up a three-match road stretch with a third straight loss to dip below the .500 mark for the first time in franchise history. The Mojo grinded out a five-set win by set scores of 16-25, 25-19, 25-17, 22-25, 15-9.

March 9, 2024: Grand Rapids (4-4) returns to the win column by ending the Fury's run of four straight wins, securing the victory by set scores of 25-15, 13-25, 25-17, 25-23. The Rise asserted their dominance from the start with six blocks in the opening frame. Four Rise players finished with four or more blocks: **Grote** (4), **Evans** (4), **Dimitrova** (3), and **Jensen** (3).

March 17, 2024: On St. Patrick's Day, the Rise (4-5) suffer the League's first reverse-sweep. The Vegas Thrill dropped the first two sets but stormed back to win in five by set scores of 21-25, 21-25, 25-21, 25-16, 15-12. Vegas prevailed in the first meeting between the two PVF franchises despite **Chaussee** notching a season-high 24 kills (.315).

March 20, 2024: The Rise (5-5) continue their winning ways over their regional rival Columbus Fury with a 3-1 road victory. The Rise had lost their previous three away matches but snapped that winless streak by improving to 3-0 against the Fury this season. The Rise won by set scores of 25-20, 25-18, 19-25, 32-30. For the first time this season, Grand Rapids won a set that reached the 30s. The Rise had previously lost the following marathon sets: 36-34 at San Diego (Feb. 23), 33-31 against Omaha (Feb. 12), 32-30 at Orlando (March 1), and 30-28 against Omaha (Feb. 12).

March 26, 2024: Grand Rapids (6-5) dishes out some payback by defeating the Vegas Thrill, 3-1, by set scores of 25-22, 24-26, 25-17, 30-28. Nine days earlier, the Thrill completed a reverse-sweep of the Rise.

March 28, 2024: Seeking a third consecutive road win, the Rise (6-6) came up short in a grueling four-set match against the Omaha Supernovas. Omaha won its three sets by a combined seven points, winning by set scores of 27-25, 20-25, 30-28, 25-22. The Rise, wearing their red jerseys for the first time, tied their season-high mark with six team aces.

April 1, 2024: Grand Rapids (6-7) is denied in their bid to secure a third win over the league-leading Atlanta Vibe this season by suffering a 3-1 loss at Van Andel Arena by set scores of 25-23, 25-10, 18-25, 25-23. **Pritchard** made her first start after recovering from an ACL injury.

April 6, 2024: In the first CBS Sports Network broadcast of Pro Volleyball Federation, the Rise (6-8) dropped a five-set marathon match to the Orlando Valkyries by set scores of 25-18, 21-25, 25-21, 19-25, 15-9. Grand Rapids dropped three matches in a row for a second time this year. The attendance inside Van Andel Arena was 5,250. It's the second-largest home crowd for the Rise this season, only behind the sellout season opener (7,805) against the Columbus Fury on Jan. 25.

April 11, 2024: The Rise (7-8) earn redemption in the rematch over the Orlando Valkyries by set scores of 25-23, 25-21, 25-22. The first Rise sweep since the season-opening 3-0 triumph over the Columbus Fury helped Grand Rapids end a three-match losing skid and secure its first victory over Orlando this season. Libero **Gómez** made her first start and recorded 13 digs and two assists.

April 13, 2024: Grand Rapids (8-8) prevented the Vegas Thrill from completing another reserve sweep in their home venue, winning by set scores of 25-23, 25-21, 20-25, 22-25, 15-9. In the pivotal fifth set, the Rise strung together seven straight points — a new season high — to put the match out of reach and defeat Vegas for a second time this season. The Rise waived middle blocker and former Rise practice squad player **Bolding** before the match.

April 15, 2024: The Rise sign middle blocker **Molly Lohman**, who had played for six professional organizations in six countries over the last six years. The Mankato, Minnesota, native was an AVCA All-American honorable mention at the University of Minnesota in 2016. Grand Rapids waived middle blocker **Grant** to open a spot on the 14-player active roster for **Lohman**.

April 16, 2024: The league-leading Atlanta Vibe even the season series against the Rise (8-9) with a four-set home victory by set scores of 23-25, 25-22, 25-22, 25-15. **Lohman** made her Rise debut, notching one kill and a block.

April 18, 2024: Behind a stout defense, the Rise (9-9) upended the Orlando Valkyries, 3-1, by set scores of 25-14, 17-25, 25-20, 25-13. The 12-point margin of victory in the fourth set was a season-high. Grand Rapids picked up 78 digs for the team's second-most in a four-set match this season.

April 20, 2024: Facing both travel fatigue and an untimely injury to one of their star players, the Rise (10-9) push through adversity to defeat the Vegas Thrill by set scores of 25-23, 25-20, 23-25, 25-22. Grand Rapids wrapped up a grueling 6,575-mile multi-stop journey over a week and a half by winning the fourth set against the Thrill without **Dimitrova**. The 17-year veteran missed her first set of the season after injuring her ankle trying to close out on a block late in the third set. **Fingall** stepped up in **Dimitrova's** absence with 11 kills and no attack errors on 15 swings (.733).

RISE MYTHOLOGY

April 26, 2024: Mere hours after multiple destructive tornados ripped through Omaha, Nebraska, and across the Great Plains, the Rise (10-10) had to weather a second storm against the Omaha Supernovas inside the notoriously loud CHI Health Center. Omaha prevailed in an intense five-set affair by set scores of 25-22, 23-25, 25-20, 16-25, 15-7. **Fingall** started her first professional match in **Dimitrova's** absence. Setter **Podraza** set a professional new personal best with 33 assists.

April 28, 2024: The Rise (10-11) enter their final regular-season away match with aspirations of securing a fourth consecutive victory against their regional rival. The Columbus Fury, however, thwarted the potential sweep of the season series with a sweep of their own inside Nationwide Arena by set scores of 25-21, 25-15, 25-15. Columbus hit .409 — most by an opponent against Grand Rapids this season — and held the Rise to a season-low .130 attack percentage.

May 4, 2024: Self-inflicted wounds and being turned back at the net resulted in the downfall of the Rise (10-12) against the San Diego Mojo on Star Wars Night. The Rise suffered their third straight loss and remained winless against the Mojo on the season, falling 3-1 inside Van Andel Arena by set scores of 22-25, 25-18, 27-25, 25-15. **Dimitrova** returned to the starting rotation.

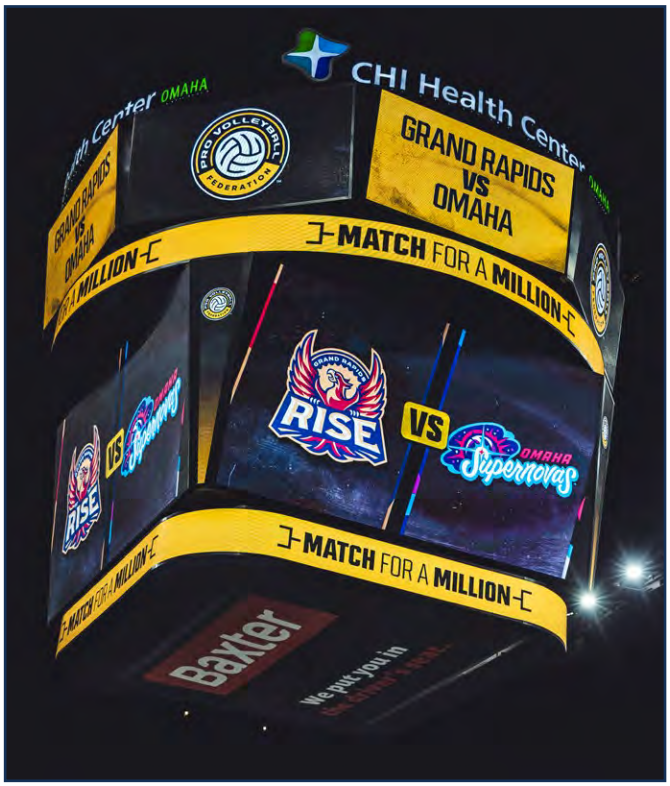
May 5, 2024: With a guaranteed spot in the Pro Volleyball Federation playoffs awaiting the winner, the Rise (11-12) overcame the San Diego Mojo for the first time this season. Grand Rapids prevented San Diego from completing a four-match season series sweep with a 3-0 home victory by set scores of 25-23, 25-18, 25-16. All seven Rise players who started ended up playing the whole match. It's the first time the Rise rotation went untouched during a match.

May 12, 2024: The Rise (12-12), utilizing all 14 players on their roster for the first time this season, prevailed in a five-set showdown over the Supernovas by set scores of 25-16, 23-25, 23-25, 26-24, 15-10. Although the Mother's Day affair on the CBS Sports Network lacked the pressure of determining playoff positions, as both teams were already locked into their respective seeds, the match still offered bragging rights and the psychological advantage of maintaining a win streak heading into the postseason. **Dimitrova**, who was recognized with a retirement ceremony before the match, ended up with nine kills and five digs in her last performance inside Van Andel Arena.

May 14, 2024: Pro Volleyball Federation announces its yearly awards. **Dimitrova** and **Chaussee** both make the All-League First Team, while **Dimitrova** is named the League's Best Opposite Hitter of the Year.

May 15, 2024: The No. 4-seeded Rise (13-12) upset the top-seeded Atlanta Vibe in the Pro Volleyball Federation semifinals inside the CHI Health Center in Omaha. Grand Rapids won the first, third, and fifth sets to prevail by set scores of 25-20, 19-25, 25-20, 23-25, 15-8. Setter **Evans** tied her season high with 54 assists to lead a potent Grand Rapids attack that put down 71 kills (.243). Four Rise attackers finished with double-digit kills led by outside hitter **Chaussee** (22, .226), who set a team record with 62 attack attempts.

May 18, 2024: In the inaugural Pro Volleyball Federation championship match, the upset-minded Rise (13-13) are swept by the No. 2-seeded Supernovas by set scores of 25-13, 26-24, 25-22. Playing on their home court and in front of a favorable crowd, Omaha lifted the championship trophy, celebrated in the confetti, and collected the $1 million match-winning bonus. The Supernovas finished the 2024 season with a 4-1 record against the Rise and a 14-7 advantage in sets won.



June 30, 2024: Pro Volleyball Federation free agency signing period for returning players begins. All players from 2024 PVF season have become free agents, who can sign with any team for 2025.

July 1, 2024: The Rise announce their first signing for the upcoming 2025 Pro Volleyball Federation season by adding outside hitter **Carli Snyder**, a native of Macomb, Michigan. Snyder, a seasoned professional, returns to Michigan after six seasons in France.

July 2, 2024: The Rise sign six-year veteran opposite hitter **Sherridan Atkinson**. The 6-foot-5 Atkinson, a native of Long Beach, California, had a dominant 2023-24 campaign, leading Panathinaikos to its third straight Greek A1 Etniki league championship and was named the league's MVP.

July 8, 2024: Four former Rise players re-sign for the 2025 season: middle blockers **Marin Grote** and **Alyssa Jensen**, and outside hitters **Erika Pritchard** and **Symone Abbott**.

July 9, 2024: Rise sign former San Diego Mojo setter **August Raskie**, who tallied 145 assists, 51 digs, 13 kills, four blocks, and three aces in 20 matches played during the 2024 season.

July 11, 2024: The Rise sign a second player from San Diego, inking Michigan native **Ali Bastianelli**. She was the League's best blocker in 2024 by averaging 1.02 blocks per set.

July 12, 2024: Pro Volleyball Federation Champion and Michigan native **Paige Briggs-Romine** signs with the Rise. She played in 25 matches (66 sets) during her rookie campaign, finishing the season with 86 kills on a .222 hitting percentage, along with 107 digs, 10 aces, and five blocks.

July 16, 2024: The Rise sign first-year libero **Jena Otec**. The two-time AVCA All-American at Purdue also served as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Western Kentucky women's volleyball team (2023-24), and previously held the role of assistant coach at Eastern Michigan during the 2022 season.

July 18, 2024: The Rise secure the talents of seasoned libero **Valeria León**. The 5-foot-6 defensive specialist from Ponce, Puerto Rico, was a key contributor for the Columbus Fury in 2024 after playing six professional seasons in Puerto Rico with four different teams.

July 31, 2024: Grand Rapids makes their 12th offseason player signing by retaining former Michigan setter **MacKenzi Vazquez** (nee Welsh). One of the first signings the Rise made for the inaugural 2024 Pro Volleyball Federation season, **Vazquez** later decided to medically retire and became the team's director of volleyball operations. She now signed to return to the court as a player.

Oct. 31, 2024: The Rise reveal their schedule for the 2025 season. The second season features 28 regular-season matches, four more than 2024, due to the addition of an eighth PVF franchise, the Indy Ignite.

Nov. 24, 2024: Mike Gawlik, **Katie Gawlik**, and **Jason Oliver** are announced to the Rise coaching staff for the 2025 season. Mike joins as the associate head coach, Katie as an assistant coach, and Oliver as the assistant head coach. Mike was the head coach at Central Michigan for nine seasons (2016-24) with his wife Katie as a volunteer assistant coach for five seasons. Oliver was the head coach at Toledo for seven seasons (2018-24).

Nov. 25, 2024: The Rise make five selections in the 2024 PVF Draft: **Raven Colvin** (First Round, Selection 7), **Naya Shime** (Second Round, Selection 13), **Camryn Turner** (Third Round, Selection 22), **Elena Oglivie** (Fourth Round, Selection 29) and **Jess Mruzik** (Fifth Round, Selection 40).

Nov. 26, 2024: The hiring of former Michigan Tech volleyball head coach **Matt Jennings** to the Rise coaching staff is announced. Jennings takes over from **Vazquez** as the team's director of volleyball operations, as well as being an assistant coach.

Dec. 2, 2024: The Rise start preseason training camp for the 2025 season.

Dec. 10, 2024: After coming to preseason training camp on a try-out, opposite hitter **Kaleigh Nelson** signed with the Rise to revitalize her professional career after last playing in 2017-18 with Engelholm VS (Sweden).

Jan. 7, 2025: The Rise finalize their roster ahead of the season opener by waiving **Vazquez** and placing **León** and **Nelson** on the team's practice squad. Four 2024 draftees make the 14-player active roster: **Colvin**, **Shime**, **Turner**, and **Oglivie**.

AWARD WINNERS

ALL-LEAGUE FIRST TEAM

- 2024 - Claire Chaussee, OH
- 2024 - Emiliya Dimitrova, OPP

ALL-LEAGUE SECOND TEAM

- *None*

LEAGUE REGULAR-SEASON MVP

- *None*

OUTSIDE HITTER OF THE YEAR

- *None*

MIDDLE BLOCKER OF THE YEAR

- *None*

SETTER OF THE YEAR

- *None*

LIBERO OF THE YEAR

- *None*

OPPOSITE HITTER OF THE YEAR

- 2024 - Emiliya Dimitrova

SERVER OF THE YEAR

- *None*

MOST INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

- *None*

RISING STAR AWARD

- *None*

LEAGUE POSTSEASON MVP

- *None*

LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Emiliya Dimitrova, OPP (x1)
  - 2024, Week 4 (Feb. 13-19)

PRESEASON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

- 2024 - Claire Chaussee, OH

DRAFT

RISE 2024 DRAFT SELECTIONS

Round 1, Pick #7 - Raven Colvin, MB, Purdue
Round 2, Pick #13 - Naya Shime, OPP, SMU
Round 3, Pick #22 - Camryn Turner, S, Kansas
Round 4, Pick #29 - Elena Oglivie, L, Stanford
Round 5, Pick #40 - Jess Mruzik, OH, Penn State

RISE 2023 DRAFT SELECTIONS

Round 1, Pick #4 - Morgahn Fingall, OPP, Tennessee
Round 2, Pick #11 - Sydney Bolding, MB, Kensas State
Round 3, Pick #18 - Kenna Sauer, OH, Houston
Round 4, Pick #25 - Emma Clothier, MB, SMU
Round 5, Pick #32 - Karly Basham, L, Washington St.

INFORMATION

There have been two collegiate player drafts for Pro Volleyball Federation: The 2023 Draft held before the 2024 season and the 2024 Draft held before the 2025 season. Each draft has consisted of five rounds. The first draft was a snake format with Grand Rapids selecting in the middle of the seven teams. The second draft used the 2024 regular-season final standings to determine the first round order before using a random lottery to generate the draft order for Rounds 2-5. New franchise Indy Ignite was granted the No. 1 overall selection. Trades can be made for players, draft picks, future considerations, or any combination thereof.

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Players are not required to declare for the draft and any player drafted may elect to return to college if she has remaining eligibility should she chose not to sign with her Pro Volleyball Federation team. Any player drafted must be at least 18 years or older on the day of the draft and must be defined as a college player. A “college player” is a female volleyball player who is enrolled in a four-year college or university, or two-year junior college or community college, in the United States and has remaining eligibility to play collegiately during that draft year's indoor volleyball season.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

Atlanta Vibe .....Grand Rapids leads 3-2
Feb. 9, 2024 (A) ..... W, 3-1 (25-20, 21-25, 25-22, 25-22)
Feb. 18, 2024 (H)..... W, 3-2 (25-19, 25-18, 23-25, 23-25, 15-11)
April 1, 2024 (H) ..... L, 1-3 (23-25, 10-25, 25-18, 23-25)
April 16, 2024 (A)..... L, 1-3 (25-23, 22-25, 22-25, 15-25)
May 15, 2024 (N) ..... W, 3-2 (25-20, 19-25, 25-20, 23-25, 15-8)

Columbus Fury.....Grand Rapids leads 3-1
Jan. 25, 2024 (H)..... W, 3-0 (25-17, 25 -23, 25-19)
March 9, 2024 (H)..... W, 3-1 (25-15, 13-25, 25-17, 25-23)
March 20, 2024 (A) ..... W, 3-1 (25-20, 25-18, 19-25, 32-30)
April 28, 2024 (A)..... L, 0-3 (21-25, 15-25, 15-25)

Indy Ignite .....Tied 0-0
New Franchise..... No Matches Played in 2024

Omaha Supernovas.....Omaha leads 4-1
Feb. 12, 2024 (H)..... L, 1-3 (25-21, 31-33, 28-30, 21-25)
March 28, 2024 (A) ..... L, 1-3 (25-27, 25-20, 28-30, 22-25)
April 26, 2024 (A)..... L, 2-3 (22-25, 25-23, 20-25, 25-16, 7-15)
May 12, 2024 (H)..... W, 3-2 (25-16, 23-25, 23-25, 26-24, 15-10)
May 18, 2024 (N) ..... L, 0-3 (13-25, 24-26, 22-25)

Orlando Valkyries .....Tied 2-2
March 1, 2024 (A) ..... L, 1-3 (20-25, 25-21, 30-32, 25-27)
April 6, 2024 (H) ..... L, 2-3 (18-25, 25-21, 21-25, 25-19, 9-15)
April 11, 2024 (A)..... W, 3-0 (25-23, 25-21, 25-22)
April 18, 2024 (H)..... W, 3-1 (25-14, 17-25, 25-20, 25-13)

San Diego Mojo .....San Diego leads 3-1
Feb. 23, 2024 (A)..... L, 1-3 (34-36, 27-25, 23-25, 23-25)
March 4, 2024 (A)..... L, 2-3 (16-25, 25-19, 25-17, 22-25, 9-15)
May 4, 2024 (H) ..... L, 1-3 (25-22, 18-25, 25-27, 15-25)
May 5, 2024 (H) ..... W, 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 25-16)

Vegas Thrill .....Grand Rapids leads 3-1
March 17, 2024 (H) ..... L, 2-3 (25-21, 25-21, 21-25, 16-25, 12-15)
March 26, 2024 (A) ..... W, 3-1 (25-22, 24-26, 25-17, 30-28)
April 13, 2024 (H)..... W, 3-2 (25-23, 25-21, 20-25, 22-25, 15-9)
April 20, 2024 (A)..... W, 3-1 (25-23, 25-20, 23-25, 25-22)

Note: Results updated through 2024 season.

SINGLE MATCH

INDIVIDUAL

POINTS

TOTAL

1.	30	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
2.	29	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
3.	28	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024
4.	27	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024
5.	26	Claire Chaussee	3/17/2024
	26	Claire Chaussee	4/26/2024
7.	25	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024
	25	Claire Chaussee	4/6/2024
9.	24	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/13/2024
10.	23	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
	23	Claire Chaussee	3/1/2024
	23	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/26/2024

PER SET

1.	7.67	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
2.	7.50	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
3.	7.00	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024
	7.00	Claire Chaussee	5/12/2024
5.	6.75	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024

5 SETS

1.	29	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
2.	26	Claire Chaussee	3/17/2024
	26	Claire Chaussee	4/26/2024
4.	25	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024
	25	Claire Chaussee	4/6/2024

4 SETS

1.	30	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
2.	28	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024
3.	27	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024
4.	23	Claire Chaussee	3/1/2024
	23	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/26/2024

3 SETS

1.	23	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
2.	15	Emiliya Dimitrova	5/5/2024
3.	14	Emiliya Dimitrova	1/25/2024
4.	13	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/11/2024
	13	Erika Pritchard	5/5/2024

KILLS

TOTAL

1.	26	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
	26	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
3.	24	Claire Chaussee	4/26/2024
	24	Claire Chaussee	3/17/2024
5.	23	Claire Chaussee	4/6/2024
	23	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024
	23	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024
	23	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024
9.	22	Claire Chaussee	5/15/2024
10.	21	Five Tied	--

PER SET

1.	7.00	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
2.	6.67	Claire Chaussee	5/12/2024
3.	6.50	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
4.	5.75	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024
	5.75	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024

5 SETS

1.	26	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
2.	24	Claire Chaussee	4/26/2024
	24	Claire Chaussee	3/17/2024
4.	23	Claire Chaussee	4/6/2024
	23	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024

4 SETS

1.	26	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
2.	23	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024
	23	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024
4.	21	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/26/2024
	21	Claire Chaussee	3/1/2024

3 SETS

1.	21	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
2.	13	Emiliya Dimitrova	5/5/2024
	13	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/11/2024
4.	12	Claire Chaussee	5/18/2024
	12	Emiliya Dimitrova	5/18/2024
	12	Erika Pritchard	4/28/2024
	12	Emiliya Dimitrova	1/25/2024

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SINGLE MATCH

INDIVIDUAL

ATTACK ATTEMPTS

TOTAL

1.	62	Claire Chaussee	5/15/2024
2.	61	Claire Chaussee	2/12/2024
3.	59	Claire Chaussee	4/26/2024
	59	Claire Chaussee	4/13/2024
5.	58	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
6.	57	Claire Chaussee	3/28/2024
7.	56	Claire Chaussee	2/23/2024
8.	55	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024
9.	54	Four Tied	--

PER SET

1.	16.67	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
2.	15.25	Claire Chaussee	2/12/2024
3.	14.25	Claire Chaussee	3/28/2024
4.	14.00	Claire Chaussee	2/23/2024
5.	13.50	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
	13.50	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024
	13.50	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/23/2024

5 SETS

1.	62	Claire Chaussee	5/15/2024
2.	59	Claire Chaussee	4/26/2024
	59	Claire Chaussee	4/13/2024
4.	58	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
5.	55	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024

4 SETS

1.	61	Claire Chaussee	2/12/2024
2.	57	Claire Chaussee	3/28/2024
3.	56	Claire Chaussee	2/23/2024
4.	54	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
	54	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/20/2024
	54	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/23/2024

3 SETS

1.	50	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
2.	40	Claire Chaussee	4/11/2024
3.	39	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/11/2024
4.	34	Emiliya Dimitrova	5/18/2024
5.	33	Claire Chaussee	5/18/2024

HITTING PERCENTAGE

(Minimum 10 Attempts)

TOTAL

1.	.733	Morgahn Fingall	4/20/2024
2.	.650	Marin Grote	5/4/2024
3.	.636	Nia Grant	3/1/2024
4.	.563	Marin Grote	3/26/2024
5.	.500	Kayla Caffey	2/9/2024
	.500	Symone Abbott	5/12/2024
	.500	Kayla Caffey	3/17/2024
8.	.444	Claire Chaussee	5/12/2024
9.	.429	Erika Pritchard	4/18/2024
	.429	Marin Grote	4/20/2024

5 SETS

1.	.500	Symone Abbott	5/12/2024
2.	.500	Kayla Caffey	3/17/2024
3.	.444	Claire Chaussee	5/12/2024
4.	.397	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
5.	.381	Kayla Caffey	5/15/2024

4 SETS

1.	.733	Morgahn Fingall	4/20/2024
2.	.650	Marin Grote	5/4/2024
3.	.636	Nia Grant	3/1/2024
4.	.563	Marin Grote	3/26/2024
5.	.500	Kayla Caffey	2/9/2024

3 SETS

1.	.344	Emiliya Dimitrova	1/25/2024
2.	.320	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
3.	.267	Erika Pritchard	4/11/2024
4.	.235	Emiliya Dimitrova	5/18/2024
5.	.231	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/11/2024

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	K/TA		
1.	2	Shannon Scully	5/18/2024
2.	1	Six Tied	--

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SINGLE MATCH

INDIVIDUAL

ASSISTS

TOTAL

1.	54	Ashley Evans	5/15/2024
	54	Ashley Evans	3/1/2024
3.	53	Ashley Evans	4/13/2024
4.	52	Ashley Evans	4/6/2024
5.	51	Ashley Evans	4/20/2024
	51	Ashley Evans	3/26/2024
7.	49	Ashley Evans	3/28/2024
	49	Ashley Evans	3/17/2024
	49	Ashley Evans	2/18/2024
10.	48	Ashley Evans	4/18/2024

PER SET

1.	13.50	Ashley Evans	3/1/2024
2.	13.00	Ashley Evans	5/12/2024
3.	12.75	Ashley Evans	4/20/2024
	12.75	Ashley Evans	3/26/2024
5.	12.25	Ashley Evans	3/28/2024

5 SETS

1.	54	Ashley Evans	5/15/2024
2.	53	Ashley Evans	4/13/2024
3.	52	Ashley Evans	4/6/2024
4.	49	Ashley Evans	3/17/2024
	49	Ashley Evans	2/18/2024

4 SETS

1.	54	Ashley Evans	3/1/2024
2.	51	Ashley Evans	4/20/2024
	51	Ashley Evans	3/26/2024
4.	49	Ashley Evans	3/28/2024
5.	48	Ashley Evans	4/18/2024

3 SETS

1.	36	Ashley Evans	4/11/2024
	36	Ashley Evans	1/25/2024
3.	34	Ashley Evans	5/5/2024
4.	21	Ashley Evans	4/28/2024
5.	20	Ashley Evans	5/18/2024

ACES

TOTAL

1.	3	Ashley Evans	4/13/2024
2.	2	Ashley Evans	4/20/2024
	2	Ashley Evans	2/9/2024
	2	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024
	2	Marin Grote	2/23/2024
	2	Marin Grote	5/5/2024
	2	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
	2	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024
	2	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
	2	Marin Grote	3/28/2024
	2	Claire Chaussee	4/1/2024

PER SET

1.	1.00	Alyssa Jensen	5/12/2024
2.	0.67	Marin Grote	5/5/2024
3.	0.67	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
4.	0.60	Ashley Evans	4/13/2024
5.	0.50	13 Tied	--

5 SETS

1.	3	Ashley Evans	4/13/2024
2.	2	Claire Chaussee	3/4/2024
3.	1	16 Tied	--

4 SETS

1.	2	Ashley Evans	4/20/2024
	2	Ashley Evans	2/9/2024
	2	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/28/2024
	2	Marin Grote	2/23/2024
	2	Emiliya Dimitrova	3/1/2024
	2	Marin Grote	3/28/2024
	2	Claire Chaussee	4/1/2024

3 SETS

1.	2	Marin Grote	5/5/2024
	2	Claire Chaussee	1/25/2024
3.	1	11 Tied	--

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SINGLE MATCH

INDIVIDUAL

BLOCKS

TOTAL

1.	7	Marin Grote	2/18/2024
2.	6	Kayla Caffey	4/13/2024
3.	5	Marin Grote	2/12/2024
4.	4	12 Tied	--

PER SET

1.	1.50	Marin Grote	1/25/2024
2.	1.40	Marin Grote	2/18/2024
3.	1.25	Marin Grote	2/12/2024
4.	1.20	Kayla Caffey	4/13/2024
5.	1.00	19 Tied	--

5 SETS

1.	7	Marin Grote	2/18/2024
2.	6	Kayla Caffey	4/13/2024
3.	4	Mac Podraza	4/26/2024
	4	Marin Grote	5/15/2024
5.	3	Five Tied	--

4 SETS

1.	3	Ashley Evans	2/12/2024
	3	Kayla Caffey	2/9/2024
	3	Marin Grote	2/9/2024
4.	2	17 Tied	--

3 SETS

1.	3	Marin Grote	1/25/2024
	3	Kayla Caffey	1/25/2024
	3	Kayla Caffey	5/5/2024
4.	2	Seven Tied	--

DIGS

TOTAL

1.	26	Sarah Sponcil	2/23/2024
2.	24	Sarah Sponcil	3/26/2024
3.	23	Sarah Sponcil	2/12/2024
4.	22	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
	22	Claire Chaussee	4/6/2024
6.	21	Ashley Evans	4/18/2024
7.	20	Camila Gómez	4/20/2024
	20	Camila Gómez	4/26/2024
	20	Camila Gómez	4/16/2024
10.	19	Three Tied	--

PER SET

1.	6.50	Sarah Sponcil	2/23/2024
2.	6.00	Sarah Sponcil	3/26/2024
	6.00	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/20/2024
	6.00	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/11/2024
5.	5.75	Sarah Sponcil	2/12/2024

5 SETS

1.	22	Emiliya Dimitrova	2/18/2024
	22	Claire Chaussee	4/6/2024
3.	20	Camila Gómez	4/26/2024
4.	19	Camila Gómez	5/12/2024
	19	Claire Chaussee	2/18/2024

4 SETS

1.	26	Sarah Sponcil	2/23/2024
2.	24	Sarah Sponcil	3/26/2024
3.	23	Sarah Sponcil	2/12/2024
4.	21	Ashley Evans	4/18/2024
5.	20	Camila Gómez	4/20/2024
	20	Camila Gómez	4/16/2024

3 SETS

1.	18	Emiliya Dimitrova	4/11/2024
2.	17	Camila Gómez	5/5/2024
3.	16	Sarah Sponcil	1/25/2024
4.	12	Ashley Evans	4/11/2024
5.	11	Three Tied	--

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SINGLE MATCH

TEAM

KILLS

TOTAL

1.	72	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
	72	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
3.	71	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
4.	67	vs. Vegas	3/17/2024
5.	65	at San Diego	2/23/2024
	65	at San Diego	3/4/2024
	65	at Omaha	4/26/2024
8.	64	at Orlando	3/1/2024
	64	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
10.	63	vs. Orlando	4/6/2024

PER SET

1.	16.25	at San Diego	2/23/2024
2.	16.00	at Orlando	3/1/2024
3.	15.50	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
	15.50	at Vegas	3/26/2024
5.	15.33	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024

5 SETS

1.	72	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
	72	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
3.	71	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
4.	67	vs. Vegas	3/17/2024
5.	65	at San Diego	3/4/2024
	65	at Omaha	4/26/2024

4 SETS

1.	65	at San Diego	2/23/2024
2.	64	at Orlando	3/1/2024
3.	63	at Vegas	3/26/2024
4.	62	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
5.	61	at Vegas	4/20/2024

3 SETS

1.	46	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
2.	45	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
3.	43	at Orlando	4/11/2024
4.	37	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
5.	33	at Columbus	4/28/2024

ATTACK ATTEMPTS

TOTAL

1.	198	at Omaha	4/26/2024
2.	196	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
3.	195	at San Diego	2/23/2024
4.	189	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
5.	187	at Atlanta	4/16/2024
6.	185	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
7.	179	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
8.	176	at San Diego	3/4/2024
9.	175	at Omaha	3/28/2024
10.	173	vs. Orlando	4/6/2024

PER SET

1.	48.75	at San Diego	2/23/2024
2.	46.75	at Atlanta	4/16/2024
3.	46.33	at Orlando	4/11/2024
4.	44.75	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
5.	43.75	at Omaha	3/28/2024

5 SETS

1.	198	at Omaha	4/26/2024
2.	196	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
3.	189	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
4.	185	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
5.	176	at San Diego	3/4/2024

4 SETS

1.	195	at San Diego	2/23/2024
2.	187	at Atlanta	4/16/2024
3.	179	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
4.	175	at Omaha	3/28/2024
5.	161	at Orlando	3/1/2024

3 SETS

1.	139	at Orlando	4/11/2024
2.	122	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
3.	115	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
	115	at Columbus	4/28/2024
5.	110	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024

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SINGLE MATCH

TEAM

HITTING PERCENTAGE

TOTAL

1.	.298	at Orlando	3/1/2024
2.	.296	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
3.	.276	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
	.276	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
5.	.275	at Vegas	3/26/2024
6.	.273	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
7.	.257	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
8.	.254	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
	.254	vs. San Diego	5/4/2024
10.	.253	vs. Vegas	3/17/2024

5 SETS

1.	.276	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
	.276	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
3.	.253	vs. Vegas	3/17/2024
4.	.243	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
5.	.233	at San Diego	3/4/2024

4 SETS

1.	.298	at Orlando	3/1/2024
2.	.275	at Vegas	3/26/2024
3.	.273	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
4.	.257	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
5.	.254	vs. San Diego	5/4/2024

3 SETS

1.	.296	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
2.	.254	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
3.	.182	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
4.	.180	at Orlando	4/11/2024
5.	.130	at Columbus	4/28/2024

OPP. HITTING PERCENTAGE

TOTAL

1.	.069	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
2.	.108	vs. Columbus	3/9/2024
3.	.128	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
4.	.156	at Orlando	4/11/2024
5.	.171	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
6.	.182	at Vegas	3/26/2024
7.	.188	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
8.	.195	at Columbus	3/20/2024
9.	.198	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
10.	.198	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024

5 SETS

1.	.188	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
2.	.198	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
3.	.211	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
4.	.246	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
5.	.253	at Omaha	4/26/2024

4 SETS

1.	.108	vs. Columbus	3/9/2024
2.	.128	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
3.	.182	at Vegas	3/26/2024
4.	.195	at Columbus	3/20/2024
5.	.198	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024

3 SETS

1.	.069	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
2.	.156	at Orlando	4/11/2024
3.	.171	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
4.	.342	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
5.	.409	at Columbus	4/28/2024

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SINGLE MATCH

TEAM

ASSISTS

TOTAL

1.	65	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
2.	64	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
	64	vs. Vegas	3/17/2024
4.	63	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
	63	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
6.	61	at Orlando	3/1/2024
	61	at San Diego	3/4/2024
8.	59	at Omaha	4/26/2024
9.	58	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
	58	vs. Orlando	4/6/2024

PER SET

1.	15.25	at Orlando	3/1/2024
2.	14.50	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
3.	14.33	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
4.	14.25	at Vegas	4/20/2024
5.	14.00	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024

5 SETS

1.	65	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
2.	64	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
	64	vs. Vegas	3/17/2024
4.	63	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
	63	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024

4 SETS

1.	61	at Orlando	3/1/2024
2.	58	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
3.	57	at Vegas	4/20/2024
4.	56	at Vegas	3/26/2024
5.	55	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
	55	at San Diego	2/23/2024

3 SETS

1.	43	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
2.	42	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
3.	38	at Orlando	4/11/2024
4.	33	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
5.	32	at Columbus	4/28/2024

ACES

TOTAL

1.	6	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
	6	at Omaha	3/28/2024
3.	5	at Orlando	3/1/2024
	5	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
5.	4	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
	4	at San Diego	2/23/2024
	4	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
	4	vs. San Diego	5/4/2024
	4	at Atlanta	2/9/2024
	4	vs. Orlando	4/6/2024
	4	vs. Atlanta	4/1/2024

PER SET

1.	2.00	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
2.	1.50	at Omaha	3/28/2024
3.	1.33	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
4.	1.25	at Orlando	3/1/2024
5.	1.00	Six Tied	--

5 SETS

1.	5	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
2.	4	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
	4	vs. Orlando	4/6/2024
4.	3	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
	3	at San Diego	3/4/2024

4 SETS

1.	6	at Omaha	3/28/2024
2.	5	at Orlando	3/1/2024
3.	4	at San Diego	2/23/2024
	4	vs. San Diego	5/4/2024
	4	at Atlanta	2/9/2024
	4	vs. Atlanta	4/1/2024

3 SETS

1.	6	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
2.	4	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
3.	3	at Orlando	4/11/2024
4.	1	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
	1	at Columbus	4/28/2024

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SINGLE MATCH

TEAM

BLOCKS

TOTAL

1.	15	at Vegas	3/26/2024
	15	vs. Columbus	3/9/2024
3.	14	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
4.	13	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
5.	12	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
6.	11	at Omaha	3/28/2024
	11	at Columbus	3/20/2024
	11	at Omaha	4/26/2024
9.	10	Four Tied	--

PER SET

1.	3.75	at Vegas	3/26/2024
	3.75	vs. Columbus	3/9/2024
3.	3.33	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
4.	3.25	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
5.	3.00	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024

5 SETS

1.	14	vs. Vegas	4/13/2024
2.	12	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
3.	11	at Omaha	4/26/2024
4.	10	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
5.	9	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024

4 SETS

1.	15	at Vegas	3/26/2024
	15	vs. Columbus	3/9/2024
3.	13	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
4.	11	at Omaha	3/28/2024
	11	at Columbus	3/20/2024

3 SETS

1.	10	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
2.	9	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
3.	7	at Orlando	4/11/2024
4.	4	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
5.	2	at Columbus	4/28/2024

DIGS

TOTAL

1.	86	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
	86	at Omaha	4/26/2024
3.	84	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
4.	83	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
	83	vs. Orlando	4/6/2024
6.	78	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
	78	at San Diego	3/4/2024
8.	77	at Vegas	4/20/2024
	77	at Atlanta	4/16/2024
10.	76	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024

PER SET

1.	21.00	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
2.	20.67	at Orlando	4/11/2024
3.	19.50	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
4.	19.25	at Vegas	4/20/2024
	19.25	at Atlanta	4/16/2024

5 SETS

1.	86	vs. Atlanta	2/18/2024
	86	at Omaha	4/26/2024
3.	83	vs. Omaha	5/12/2024
	83	vs. Orlando	4/6/2024
5.	78	at San Diego	3/4/2024

4 SETS

1.	84	vs. Omaha	2/12/2024
2.	78	vs. Orlando	4/18/2024
3.	77	at Vegas	4/20/2024
4.	77	at Atlanta	4/16/2024
5.	73	at San Diego	2/23/2024

3 SETS

1.	62	at Orlando	4/11/2024
2.	52	vs. Columbus	1/25/2024
3.	48	vs. San Diego	5/5/2024
4.	43	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
5.	37	at Columbus	4/28/2024

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SINGLE SEASON

INDIVIDUAL

POINTS

TOTAL

1.	Claire Chaussee	2024	463
2.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	444
3.	Marin Grote	2024	239

PER SET

1.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	4.67
2.	Claire Chaussee	2024	4.45
3.	Erika Pritchard	2024	2.66

KILLS

TOTAL

1.	Claire Chaussee	2024	429
2.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	402
3.	Marin Grote	2024	153

PER SET

1.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	4.23
2.	Claire Chaussee	2024	4.13
3.	Erika Pritchard	2024	2.34

ATTACK ATTEMPTS

TOTAL

1.	Claire Chaussee	2024	1208
2.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	1056
3.	Marin Grote	2024	408

PER SET

1.	Claire Chaussee	2024	11.62
2.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	11.12
3.	Symone Abbott	2024	7.14

HITTING PERCENTAGE

(Minimum 100 Attempts)

TOTAL

1.	Kayla Caffey	2024	.293
2.	Marin Grote	2024	.292
3.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	.239

ASSISTS

TOTAL

1.	Ashley Evans	2024	1074
2.	Mac Podraza	2024	161

PER SET

1.	Ashley Evans	2024	10.85
2.	Mac Podraza	2024	4.88

ACES

TOTAL

1.	Marin Grote	2024	17
2.	Ashley Evans	2024	14
	Claire Chaussee	2024	14

PER SET

1.	Marin Grote	2024	0.16
2.	Ashley Evans	2024	0.14
3.	Claire Chaussee	2024	0.13

BLOCKS

TOTAL

1.	Marin Grote	2024	69
2.	Kayla Caffey	2024	37
3.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	30

PER SET

1.	Marin Grote	2024	0.65
2.	Alyssa Jensen	2024	0.61
3.	Kayla Caffey	2024	0.57

DIGS

TOTAL

1.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	275
2.	Claire Chaussee	2024	274
3.	Ashley Evans	2024	259

PER SET

1.	Sarah Sponcil	2024	3.16
2.	Emiliya Dimitrova	2024	2.89
3.	Claire Chaussee	2024	2.63

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POSTSEASON

SINGLE MATCH

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Points	22	Claire Chaussee	5/15/2024
Kills	22	Claire Chaussee	5/15/2024
Hitting %	.381	Kayla Caffey	5/15/2024
Assists	54	Ashley Evans	5/15/2024
Aces	1	Ashley Evans	5/18/2024
Blocks	4	Marin Grote	5/15/2024
Digs	16	Ashley Evans	5/15/2024

TEAM HIGHS

Kills	71	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
Hitting %	.243	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
Opp. %	.188	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
Assists	63	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
Aces	1	(N) Omaha	5/18/2024
Blocks	10	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024
Digs	76	(N) Atlanta	5/15/2024

ALL MATCHES

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Points	34	Claire Chaussee	2 Matches
Kills	34	Claire Chaussee	2 Matches
Hitting %	.370	Kayla Caffey	2 Matches
Assists	74	Ashley Evans	2 Matches
Aces	1	Ashley Evans	2 Matches
Blocks	5	Grote/Caffey	2 Matches
Digs	23	Gómez/Dimitrova	2 Matches

TEAM AVERAGES

Kills	54 Per Match
Hitting %	.221 Per Match
Opp. %	.249 Per Match
Assists	48 Per Match
Aces	0.5 Per Match
Blocks	7 Per Match
Digs	59.5 Per Match

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